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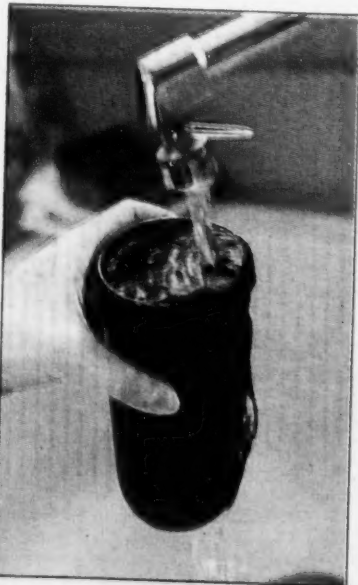
By Rebecca Piro

Selling water to outside communities brings in hundreds of thousands of dollars per year. But Jack Petkus, public works director, says the town will have to spend \$13 million to stay in business.

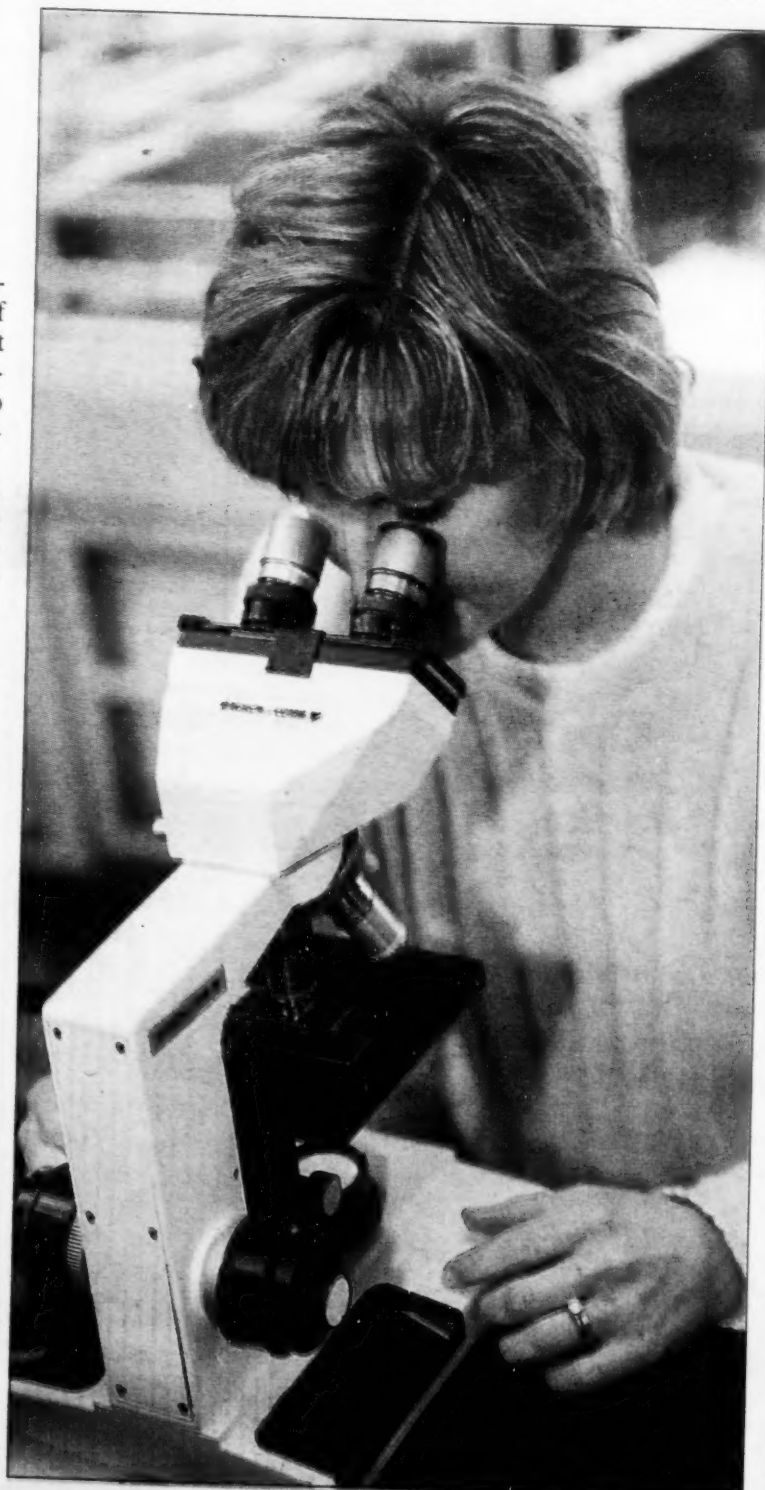
He's proposing a multi-million-dollar upgrade to the town's water treatment plant, which is currently purifying drinking water for Andover, North Reading and Tewksbury.

"Right now our plant is at maximum capacity," he says. At that level, the plant can process water at the state's current guidelines for drinking water. But new, stricter requirements are on the way, and Andover's water usage continues to grow. With those factors combined, the plant won't be able to

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Cup runneth over – Andover uses only 3.5 million gallons of water per day during the winter, but 14 million gallons on an average summer day.



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Watching closely – Karen Ares, a chemist, analyzes water at the Robert McQuade Water Treatment Plant in Andover. While Andover has more water than it needs for drinking – in fact, Andover sells millions of gallons to other towns each year – the plant is reaching capacity on summer days, because residents use so much water on their lawns, says Public Works Director Jack Petkus. Petkus wants to expand the plant and allow selectmen to call for outdoor water bans.

Registering sprinklers?

Town Meeting will vote on this, fines, and more

By Rebecca Piro

Workers at Andover's water plant are used to treating millions of gallons of water every day. Now they have a treatment for people they believe are wasting that water – fines.

Jack Petkus, public works director, will ask Town Meeting this year to adopt a water-use restriction bylaw, a set of water-use restrictions complete with fines for those violating the new laws.

"The average water bill is \$300," he says. "Some people's bill is \$3,000. That tells me they don't care."

"If we have to, we'll send out people looking for people who are dumping water on the ground when we need to conserve it."

JACK PETKUS

Andover now uses so much water, and sells so much to other communities, that the town's treatment plant is having trouble keeping up with the demand. Last year residents used about 1.6 billion gallons of water. They poured most of it on their lawns, Petkus says.

"I have seen sprinklers on during rainstorms," says River Road resident Cynthia Barakatt. "It strikes me as a little ridiculous and wasteful."

If Town Meeting approves the water-use restriction bylaw, watering one's lawn would become

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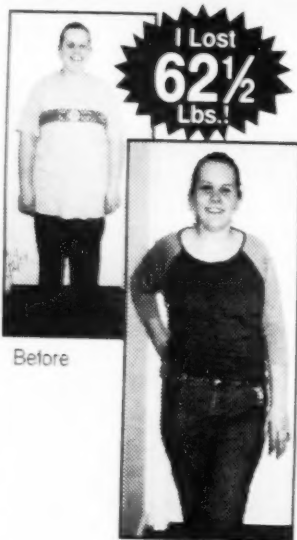
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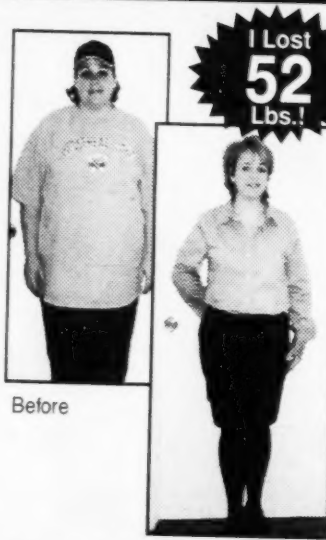
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Web question

Will you still continue to water your lawn as you always have?

Last week's *Townsmen* Web-site question was:

Would you pay higher fees for some town and school services to help ease the budget crunch?

Out of 35 respondents:

► 12 people, or 34 percent, said, "Yes. It is reasonable to pay a few extra dollars for valuable services like downtown parking, youth programs and facility rentals."

► 21 people, or 60 percent, said, "No. Residents are already paying too much in taxes for those services."

► 2 people, or 6 percent, said, "Other."

This week's question: Andover uses only 3.5 million gallons of water per day during

the winter, but a whopping 14 million gallons on an average summer day. The local water treatment plant could need a \$13 million upgrade, and the town might impose water-use restrictions. Does this news change your approach to lawn care?

• I have always believed in conserving our natural resources whenever possible.

• Yes, this changes my approach. A green lawn isn't everything.

• No. I pay taxes, and I'll continue to use water whenever and however I see fit.

• Other (use comments section after voting).

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IN BRIEF

Andover Fire awarded

The Andover Fire Department has been presented with a Life Safety Achievement Award for the year 2000 by the Residential Fire Safety Institute. The award was announced by Roy L. Marshal, director of the RFSI, and Massachusetts State Fire Marshal Stephen D. Coan, and presented toward the end of last year.

The Life Safety Achievement Award recognizes local fire prevention activities that contributed to reducing the number of lives lost in residential fires. The Andover fire department qualified for the award in year 2000 because it recorded zero fire deaths in structures during that year. Although residential fires in the US account for only 20 percent of all fires, they result in 80 percent of fire deaths. A total of 1,124 fire departments in the US, Canada, and Iceland received the 2000 Life Safety Achievement Award.

Meehan to host town meeting Monday

US Congressman Marty Meehan will host a town meeting Monday, Jan. 28 at Memorial Hall Library on Main Street from 7 to 9 p.m.

State legislators offer hours on Jan. 29

State Sen. Sue Tucker will be holding her monthly office hours at the Andover Memorial Library on Tuesday, Jan. 29 from 7 to 8 p.m. Residents also can contact Sen. Tucker at her Statehouse office by calling 617-722-1612 or by e-mailing her at <STucker@senate.state.ma.us>.

State Rep. Barry R. Finegold and staff also will be holding office hours on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at the following Andover locations: Andover Senior Center, from 9 to

Schools' Eric Nadworny will not run
In big year, no one's taken out papers for committee

By Rebecca Piro

The only School Committee seat that will be up for election this year also will be totally up for grabs.

Eric Nadworny, School Committee chairman, announced Tuesday that he will wrap up his second term and put down his gavel for good.

No one has taken out candidacy papers for the position yet.

"I just felt that I can't give it the commitment it requires, so it's not fair to do the job," Nadworny said.

Nadworny's responsibilities as vice president of human resources at Shaw's Supermarkets in West Bridgewater have increased, making it difficult for him to concentrate on the School Committee.

"I've missed a few meetings in the last couple months. I'm disappointed, because I enjoy it. It's been agonizing," he said.

Nadworny's last days as a School Committee member will end with the election of a new member in March — just before Town Meeting in April, when residents will vote whether to approve the \$1.13 million override that the school department, including Nadworny, has worked on for months.

He'll also leave before the new schools in west Andover open, and before the redistricting plan, that he and his fellow committee members poured over, goes into effect. But Nadworny says he's not worried about the future.

"As a town, we're on a good track," he says. "We've developed a good amount of momentum with the schools, and yes, we've got the budget to deal with."

Nadworny plans to remain involved with the town and schools on some level. In the years ahead, he adds, another elected or appointed position could lie in his future.

He says he's heard no rumors of anyone in town expressing interest in his seat, but he's hopeful that will change. Last week, former member Susan Jenkins said that she was considering running again.

"I hope there are people that have been thinking about it," says Nadworny. "The more people that get involved, the better."

Potential candidates can pick up nomination papers at the town clerk's office and must return them by Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 5 p.m. The town election is scheduled for Tuesday, March 26.

10 a.m., and Starbuck's, on Main Street, from 6 to 7 p.m.

Taxes due next Friday

The town of Andover has mailed the actual tax bills for fiscal year 2002. Third quarter payment is due Friday, Feb. 1. Taxes unpaid after that date are subject to interest charges of 14 percent.

Dems delegates

The Andover Democratic Town Committee will meet on Saturday, Feb. 2, at 10 a.m., at the West Middle School cafeteria, Shawsheen Road, to elect delegates to the Democratic State Convention to be held in Worcester on May 31 and June 1. All Democrats registered to vote in Andover may attend, elect and/or be elected a delegate.

Quote, unquote . . .

AT SOME POINT, we have to say, 'What about everyone else who can't afford to live in a mansion?'
— State Sen. Sue Tucker, on what she sees as a need for affordable housing in Andover. (Story, page 4)

WHEN I WAS GROWING UP I didn't have this (program). These kids are like a younger version of me. I really want to help them out.
— Joe Robles, an 18-year-old senior at AHS who grew up in Memorial Circle, on a new program by the police that helps kids with their homework. (Story, page 17)

News Calendar

Thursday, Jan. 24

Town Government Review Committee, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Committee on Disabilities, Memorial Hall Library, 7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 25

Patriotic Holiday/War Veterans, Andover High School cafeteria, 5:30 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 28

Contributory Retirement Board, Town Offices, third floor, 9 a.m.

Andover Housing Partnership, Town Offices, second floor, 7 p.m.

Selectmen, Town Offices, third floor, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Main Street Committee, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 31

Board of Assessors, Town Offices, Assessor's Conference Room, 9 a.m.

Monday, Feb. 4

Zoning Board of Appeals, Town Offices, second floor, deliberation meeting, regarding 34 Wildwood Road and 233 Holt Road; Coachman's Ridge, 6:30 p.m.

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Turning the key on a unique ACT

By Rebecca Piro

The walls inside 110 Haverhill St. smell like fresh paint. The newly-laid kitchen floor shines brightly. The rooms are big and empty – waiting for Mercedes Duran to make them her own.

Andover Community Trust welcomed home the single mother of three Friday, in a dedication ceremony for the town's first permanently affordable house.

Duran, dressed in a light blue blazer, grasped a large cardboard "key" given to her, and looked out at the crowd of 40 that attended the dedication. She struggled for words.

"I just want to say thank you to everyone that made my dream come true," she said softly. "I'm always, all my life, going to have you here in my heart."

The house is the first one created by Andover Community Trust, an organization seeking to increase the town's affordable housing stock.

The yellow Colonial is a product of volunteered labor, land and materials. ACT President Susan Stott thanked the people and companies who donated money, volunteered services and waived fees to make the house possible.

"It's taken the whole community to build this house," said Stott.

She gave special thanks to students, teachers and administrators from Greater Lawrence Technical School, whose students constructed the house on a plot donated by Andover developer Bill Perkins.

"We started out of nothing," said GLTS senior Jeremy Yambo. He and senior Jennifer Sacco and junior Iran Hernandez offered tours to visitors before and after the dedication. "It's a sense of accomplishment," agreed Sacco.

A board of ACT members chose the Duran family from more than 100 applicants who each make within 60 to 80 percent of the area median income, which is \$64,000. According to the house's



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Mercedes Duran (right) accepts a large, ceremonial key to Andover Community Trust's first permanently affordable home, from ACT's Bill Berard. Duran will move in this month.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

State Sen. Sue Tucker called the single ACT affordable home "a beacon in Andover."

deed, the resale value cannot grow faster than the median income of the area. ACT retains the first right to buy back the property, if the Durans ever choose to sell it, says Stott.

Duran bought the house for about \$100,000 – significantly less than its assessed value of about \$200,000 – and will pay for it

with a low-rate mortgage from Banknorth (formerly Andover Bank).

State Sen. Sue Tucker, who considers affordable housing "one of the most significant public policies (she is) dealing with at the Statehouse," attended Friday's ceremony.

"This is only one house, but it's a beacon in Andover," Tucker said. "At some point, we have to say, 'What about everyone else who can't afford to live in a mansion?'"

Duran says she came to the United States 13 years ago with her mother, "for a better life." She lived for some time in Lawrence before coming to Andover's Riverview Commons – a small, crowded apartment, but the best she could afford while working two jobs and raising her three children.

The family will finish packing up its belongings at their Riverview Commons apartment and move into their new home by Jan. 31, says Duran. Her children,

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What's on the warrant?

Residents will consider CPA, consultant for Vision 21

By Rebecca Piro

The 2002 Town Meeting warrant tops out at 61 articles – 13 private and 48 public.

While a \$1.13 million override of Proposition 2 1/2 to supplement the schools' budget tops the list of public articles, several other articles will require voters' attention.

Among other public articles, selectmen are proposing that residents adopt the Community Preservation Act, a piece of state legislation that raises money by taxation for historic preservation, open space and affordable housing. Selectmen support the article with a 1-percent tax increase and an exemption for the first \$100,000 of an owner's property value.

A second CPA option is also on the warrant, submitted by Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski. He filed the article on advisement of Tom Urbelis, town counsel, so that voters have a chance to consider the Act in its entirety. The article proposes that voters adopt the Act at a 3-percent tax increase and lists all three possible exemptions – including an exemption for low-income property owners and an exemption for commercial owners – from which voters can choose.

If some form of the CPA is passed, residents will vote whether to approve the formation of the Community Preservation Committee – a group required by the legislation to determine how to use money raised by the CPA.

The Main Street Committee has submitted an article asking for up to \$400,000 to upgrade the aesthetics of the downtown redesign project.

If approved, that money would supplement the \$300,000 Town Meeting approved in 1998. The money request may shrink before Town Meeting, says Committee Chairman Cliff Markell. He says that members decided to submit an article for fear that the \$300,000 already allocated isn't enough to do what they hoped with the project – and that waiting until next year's Town Meeting to ask for more money will be too late.

Two articles on the warrant ask voters to affirm the layout of two portions of Main Street for the purpose of the redesign. As is typical in any major project, says Stapczynski, residents must affirm that the layout of Main Street on the map truly reflects the actual path of the street.

Stapczynski has filed an article for \$30,000 to hire a professional consultant to head the Vision 21 Committee, a group of people charged with planning for Andover's future. By hiring a consultant, Stapczynski says he is following protocol – other communities with strategic plans, like Lexington, Arlington and Winchester, hired a professional consultant to develop their plans, he adds.

Town officials will ask for more money to install traffic lights

and upgrade the intersection of Lovejoy and Dascomb roads and Acorn Drive. Voters approved about \$140,000 in 2000 for the project, but an additional article this year is needed because the project's estimate has gone up, Stapczynski says. The article requests \$120,000.

Another public article proposes the discontinuing of Ledge Road in west Andover. Ledge Road, which connects Greenwood and Chandler roads, is adjacent to the plot where the town and the Andover Youth Foundation have agreed to construct a youth center. Officials want AYF to build the center's parking lot where Ledge Road is located, says Stapczynski.

Private articles include an article filed by developer Yvon Cormier asking selectmen to enter into a municipal agreement with Tewksbury to provide water and sewer service to property located near Haggetts Pond Road in Andover. Selectman Brian Major says this may be part of a deal to provide playing fields. Residents Diana Walsh and Liz Richter have filed an article requesting that "pro" and "con" microphones be available at Town Meetings for residents to use during debate. Resident Ann Constantine has filed an article requesting that commercial business owners be prohibited from using internally-illuminated signs. Several articles for rezoning proposals and other matters are also included.

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Total tax collections reach new high mark

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Town, private group enter youth center pact

By Rebecca Piro

The commitment to an Andover youth center has been signed and sealed – now its up to the Andover Youth Foundation to deliver.

Town officials and youth-center proponents have signed a one-inch-thick agreement that could seal the deal for a youth center in west Andover.

Selectmen ratified the public/private contract Friday with a unanimous vote. The contract is the written form of the agreement that Special Town Meeting and the Andover Youth Foundation agreed to in November 2000.

Voters granted the private Andover Youth Foundation a piece of town land in west Andover on which it will build a youth center with privately raised money. When the center is built, it and the land will be given back to the town for ownership and operation.

But to build the center, AYF must raise more than \$4 million.

According to the agreement, AYF will not begin construction until it has \$1 million in hand and the remaining balance of the pro-

ject's cost – estimated at \$4.4 million – in a letter of credit, says Tom Jones, AYF fundraiser.

AYF has currently raised about \$1.6 million, mostly from a \$1.5 million donation from developer Yvon Cormier, and \$75,000 from the Raising the Roof auction in November.

AYF will name the center after the Cormier family.

AYF requested that selectmen act speedily on the ratification so it can sign an agreement for final designs with the project's architect, says AYF member and former Andover Public Works Director Bob McQuade.

AYF also needs to begin preparing the site by checking it for hazardous waste.

McQuade hopes to begin construction on the youth center in May 2003. Construction will last anywhere from one year to 18 months, he says. AYF is hoping to open the center in 2004.

"Hopefully everything will go smoothly and it gets built and the community will have a nice building," says Ted Teichert, selectmen chairman. "When it's there, we'll celebrate."

AYF member Bob McQuade hopes to begin construction on the youth center in May 2003

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Opinion

Water worries

CONSUMING LESS WATER isn't just about conservation for Andover residents anymore. It's about their pocketbooks.

As the *Townsmen* first reported was possible on Oct. 18, the town will seek nearly \$1 million this year, and \$12 million during the next two years to increase the capacity of the town's water treatment plant. The problem isn't with the amount of water people use in their home for drinking, cooking and bathing. It's with the amount of water many are using to keep their lawns looking picturesque. Andover uses 3.5 million gallons of water per day during the winter, but a whopping 14 million per day during summer. Primarily, the difference is coming out of homeowners' sprinkler systems.

Residents already concerned about the number of projects the town is paying for, and the general override of Proposition 2½ the town is seeking to more or less maintain what it has, should take note. After all, given the town's recent history, the nearly \$13 million the town will seek could grow over the next few years.

Take a look at the town warrant this year.

Notice that the town will seek up to \$830,000 more for the ongoing safety-center project. See that it will request up to \$400,000 more for additional improvements to the Main Street project. Take a look at how it will ask for up to \$350,000 more for the new schools being built. Note that it will seek more than \$120,000 in additional funds for the traffic signals at the intersection of Dascomb and Lovejoy roads that the town has already approved.

And then, perhaps, take a look at how much water is really needed for yardwork. The League of Women Voters has information on how to maintain an attractive lawn without using so much water. Residents can contact Liz Richter at 978-474-0061.

LETTERS POLICY

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The paper reserves the right to edit letters at its discretion. Reasons for editing include editing for length, clarity and style.

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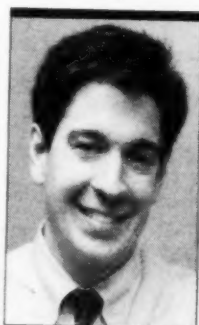
TOGETHERNESS



A bump in the road — Reed Spool, Dante Smith and Evan Doucett joined a number of others in sledding, and bouncing, down the Andover High School hill during Martin Luther King Day.

PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Seeing football in a new light



Neil Fater

This time of year, there are only three types of people — people who don't care about football, normal football fans, and lunatics known as *superfans*.

It's easiest to tell the three apart at a Super Bowl party.

The people who don't care about football only pay attention to the TV when the commercials come on.

The fans have a team to root for and are convinced that if they stop eating pizza backwards it will have some effect on the contest.

Superfans, well, they've painted their faces some strange color — even if they're watching the game alone. Superfans would just as soon pick up a couch and crush someone than listen to them talk about their personal life when its 4th-and-1. (If you don't know what 4th-and-1 is, by the way, enjoy those commercials.)

I bring this up, because, as a Patriots season-ticket holder, I've been getting

strange looks this week, as if I'm some kind of freak for sitting outside in the snow Saturday to watch the Patriots-Raiders playoff game. Of course, I only get these looks from people who don't care about football.

So I tell them, yes, I sat in a parking lot for hours before the game while snow piled up on me. I stood in the snow during the game. But it's not like I nailed antlers to a Patriots helmet and ran around the stadium. It's not like I took off my shirt to expose a tattoo of Bill Belichick.

I'm just a regular fan. Sure, I know how many triples Jim Rice had in 1978, but it's not like I'm one of those people who knows what college every player in the NBA went to. Right?

Yes, in college I camped out for playoff tickets one night in a cardboard box. But I've never traveled across country and paid a week's salary just to get into a game.

Oh, I give up several Sundays a year to pay \$25 to sit in a gravel parking lot and eat food out of a cooler before each Pats game. But I've never rented a Winnebago. I've never brought my entire living room so I could watch TV and sit on a sofa.

I sit on a folding chair or a tailgate like a normal person.

Plus, there are benefits to being at the game. It's kind of like belonging to a country club, I guess — except without the golf course, the servants or people who eat with utensils. A certain camaraderie forms among people when they gather together week after week with one goal in mind.

So when Adam Vinatieri tied the game with his 45-yard field goal through the snow, I got a bear hug from Bob, the guy to my right whose last name I'll never know and who, 15 minutes before, I would not have hugged if he had told me his dog had died. Then I turned and exchanged high-fives with friends and fellow fans.

It was a great moment. We were excited. We were jumping up and down. We were hollering.

But we didn't overturn any cars afterwards or try to take down the goal posts.

By the way, when I turned back around, I noticed that Bob was holding his glasses in his hands. One half in each hand, actually. He had broken them right at the bridge of his nose when he head-butted my shoulder.

Bob spent the entire overtime period holding the two halves up to his face, trying to see. What a nut!

I wonder if he could see what was right in front of him?

LETTERS

On budget, every drop counts

Editor, *Townsmen*:

Our water department recently won an award for the outstanding publication of the water-quality report issued to Andover residents ("Andover's award-winning water," Jan. 17). If your readers recall, this notification is a very high quality publication similar to many annual reports issued by major corporations.

Especially during these times of budget constraints this is type of publication is totally uncalled for, even though it's paid by water department revenues. Rate payers, also known as taxpayers, should expect cost-effective communication, which can be easily printed on white bond paper and mailed with the water bill.

Although the ultimate cost of this project is small compared to a more than \$100 million budget, it is these types of cost savings that add up to save a worthwhile service or program.

It's time to do a total review of how our town spends its resources.

Paul Caselle
Wyncrest Circle

E-mail letters to
<nfater@andovertownsmen.com>.

Chairman: Main Street changes will last for 30 years, let's do it right

Editor, *Townsmen*:

The Main Street Committee (MSC) has proposed a warrant article for the 2002 Town Meeting in the amount of \$400,000, not \$750,000 as previously reported in the *Townsmen*. The higher figure was contained in a working draft version that was never officially submitted for the warrant. (Ed. note - The warrant officially closed on Friday, Jan. 18, two days after the *Townsmen* went to press.)

MSC plans to move the article at an amount lower than \$400,000 on the floor of the 2002 Town Meeting, as we will have more accurate estimates for materials and items that were not available on Jan 18 when the warrant closed.

The Massachusetts Highway Department has agreed to fund \$2.4 million dollars to reconstruct Andover's Main Street from Stevens/Harding streets to Wheeler Street. Approximately half of this money will be used to purchase "closed loop" automobile and pedestrian traffic signals. These signals will have improved timing for pedestrian crossings, and are sequenced together, so motorists will be able to move through the downtown more efficiently. The balance of the funding will be used for reconstructing the curbs and sidewalks in improved configurations, repaving the road-

way, and for the project design work. Fortunately, the state will incorporate features as requested by the town into the project (so construction happens simultaneously), but requires reimbursement for the incremental costs of any "upgrades." The state expects to put the project out for bid in August 2002, with construction tentatively scheduled for spring 2003.

At 1999 Town Meeting, Andover voters agreed to provide \$304,000 towards supporting upgrades to the project - for acorn-style street lamps, trees and tree grates, irrigation for the trees in the Central Business District, and for bicycle racks, benches, and some

new litter receptacles.

In 2000, after receiving some negative public feedback regarding the project's plans, the Andover town manager and selectman appointed our committee, comprised of downtown residents, preservationists, businesspeople, and concerned citizens, to review the project and to provide feedback on ways to improve the safety and aesthetics of the downtown. Over the course of 2001, our committee held 17 publicly-advertised hearings, and has made numerous recommendations to improve the project. We have greatly improved the plans by obtaining waivers from the state on travel-lane width requirements, which will allow

several homes along Main Street to keep their front yards; we have changed the design to prevent trees from being lost along Main Street between Punchard and Wheeler Streets; and we have redesigned Elm Square, incorporating pedestrian "islands" to improve safety, among many other improvements.

Once the project is finished, Andover will have to live with the results for the next 30 years, or perhaps longer. With that in mind, the Main Street Committee voted to submit an article requesting additional funding. The town's opportunity for improving Main Street is truly now or never, and we wish to provide Andover voters with the option of doing it right.

The Main Street Committee looks forward to presenting our recommendations for safety and aesthetic improvements at Town Meeting, for areas of Main Street including: Elm Square on the Kaps and Musgrove Building corners, at the Old Town House, and at the town's Olde Andover Village parking lot.

We cordially invite the public to attend our hearings. The next one will be Jan. 30 at 7 p.m. at Town Offices on Bartlet Street.

Cliff Markell
Chairman
Main Street Committee
Chestnut Street

Irresponsible not to give town chance

Editor, *Townsmen*:

I appreciate the editorial attention the *Townsmen* has given the downtown project ("Taxes: When enough is enough," Jan. 17).

Some of your assumptions are faulty. If you had attended the public hearing you would also be aware of the unanimous resolve of the Main Street Committee to reduce the dollar amount of the proposed warrant at Town Meeting, after refining the cost estimates.

This warrant article is a place holder so we would have the opportunity to present safety and aesthetic options and let the townspeople decide how to proceed with this "you only get one chance" project.

To have not submitted an article would have been irresponsible and shortsighted.

Abigail L. O'Hara
Vice Chairwoman
Main Street Committee
63 Central St.

THE THURSDAY FILE

Plough deep while slug-
gards sleep.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

It's never too late to
become the person you
could have been.

GEORGE ELIOT

I notice that you use plain,
simple language, short
words, and brief sentences.
That is the way to write Eng-
lish. It is the modern way
and the best way. Stick to it.

MARK TWAIN

Good judgment comes
from experience, and often
experience comes from bad
judgment.

RITA MAE BROWN

Experience is a hard
teacher. First comes the test,
then the lesson.

ANONYMOUS

Men count up the faults
of those who keep them
waiting.

FRENCH PROVERB

I want to be the Minneso-
ta Fats of science fiction.

FRANK HERBERT

Failure to prepare is
preparing to fail.

ANONYMOUS

The JFK Quotation:
And so, my fellow Ameri-
cans: ask not what your
country can do for you - ask
what you can do for your

country. My fellow citizens
of the world: ask not what
America will do for you, but
what together we can do for
the freedom of man.

Best Quotation sent in:
Information is not knowledge,
knowledge is not wisdom,
wisdom is not truth,
truth is not beauty,
beauty is not love,
love is not music,
music is the best.

FRANK ZAPPA

Steve MacDowall started
"The Thursday File" two years
ago. He sent it to 10 people.

Today, the file is sent to more
than 10,000 people. The Web site
is <www.hudsonvanloo.ca> and
suggests books to read and Web
sites worth visiting, along with
quotations worth noting. Above
are some quotations from this
week's Thursday File.

Student: Help me with my project

Editor, *Townsmen*:

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Paige Harms
Gifford, Ill.

As neighbors, they say they've seen changes in business others haven't

Editor, *Townsmen*:

On Oct. 4 we appeared before
the Zoning Board of Appeals
regarding violations of the zoning
bylaws - land-use regulations
thoughtfully conceived, carefully
written and democratically adopted
by Andover residents at an
annual Town Meeting. Our town
zoning ordinance is part of the
rule of law that governs develop-
ment and preserves a cherished
quality of life. It is not to be
enforced arbitrarily, or enforced
by popular whim, or ignored and
discounted by neighbors in a
"negotiated settlement." To do any
of these means that zoning bylaws
apply to some citizens and not to
others.

Since we requested that the
town enforce its zoning regula-

tions - regarding a contractor's
yard operating where there once
was a family-owned nursery -
there have been months of contin-
uances. For what objective such
delays? No explanation has been
given by the Board of Appeals. A
site walk was proposed, but no
action was taken. Another month
passed. Another continuance.
There was a hearing on Jan. 3, and
a site walk on Jan. 5, visiting more
prolonged and undue stress on our
lives.

The hearing was not to be a
popularity contest. Citizens
attending on behalf of Wildwood
Nurseries appeared to voice sup-
port for a family business - one as
it had existed (for 24 of our 26
years in the neighborhood), not as

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■ NURSERY BUSINESS

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it does exist in its present condition: With mountains of earth hauled to and from the site by trucks, and processed on land where nursery stock once grew, gardens flourished and horses roamed.

Citizens who attended the hearing on behalf of Wildwood Nurseries do not live in our home, seeing what we see and hearing what

we hear. None addressed the actual zoning issues before the board, nor did they examine the photo evidence of site conditions, nor did they attend the site walk, where they would have observed that no nursery stock was being nourished and maintained on the premises. Instead, they would have observed a contractor's yard for large-scale processing of earth materials – a primary use of the land not permitted by town zoning

regulations and one that cannot reasonably be considered an accessory use.

Original hearing on Oct. 4, with deliberations now set for Feb. 4, and a Board of Appeals' decision to be rendered in March 2002 – a five-month span of stress, as we wait for the rule of law to be upheld.

Margaret S. Gillam
Harold R. Gillam
Holt Road

Targeting sprinklers

■ WATER FINES

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more complicated than just flipping on a faucet.

Petkus' proposal calls for a bylaw that gives selectmen the power to declare a water-supply emergency. Selectmen could then temporarily prohibit outdoor water use during specific hours of the day, certain days of the week, or entirely. They also would have the power to prohibit residents from filling swimming pools or using automatic lawn-sprinkler systems.

A resident that violates the bylaw during a ban would receive a warning, according to the Town Meeting article. A second violation would earn the resident a \$50 fine, and any subsequent violations would cost that person \$100 each.

The bylaw is a "just in case thing," as Andover continues to get closer to the treatment plant's maximum capacity, and as the dry weather continues, says Petkus.

Massachusetts is dangerously close to a drought condition, says Suzanne Roberts from the state Department of Environmental Protection. The Shawsheen River is flowing at only 9 percent of its average volume. The 2001 ground-water levels are at record lows.

"We all want our lawns to look good, but some (of our) practices can be harmful," she says.

Will people go for it?

"I think a lot of people will get the feeling that it's Big Brother" looking over their shoulder, says Petkus.

That's because he's submitted a second warrant article – an automatic lawn irrigation system

bylaw – that will require residents to register their automatic sprinklers with the town, and purchase extra equipment to make their sprinklers more conservation-conscious.

According to the bylaw, residents will need to buy a \$6 backflow prevention device. The part fits between an outdoor spigot and a hose to keep the water from flowing backwards and sucking fertilizer, pesticides and other products into the water supply, Petkus says. Backflow happens when the pressure in water pipes decreases suddenly, like when firefighters open a hydrant to fight a fire.

Residents putting in a new sprinkler system will also need to spend an extra \$100 to install a rain sensor. The device, which contains a piece of floating cork, alerts the automatic sprinkler when rainfall has reached a certain level and tells the sprinkler not to turn on, preventing unnecessary watering.

Petkus wants residents with the systems to register with the town.

"If we have to, we'll send out people looking for people who are dumping water on the ground when we need to conserve it to drink," he says.

About 129 communities have water conservation bylaws in place, says Roberts. One of them is North Andover, which passed the same bylaws that Petkus is proposing, at its Town Meeting last year.

"I think water conservation is always a good idea," says Barakatt. The League of Women Voters, of which Barakatt is a member, held a discussion Tuesday night about water conservation, but says it has not taken a position on the matter.

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Following 'spin,' Meehan reaches out to families

By Neil Fater

Since Sept. 11, US Congressman Marty Meehan says that "the lion's share" of his time – about 80 percent – has been spent addressing issues related to the terrorist attacks.

As a member of the Armed Services Committee, he's attended "countless briefings." Together with US Sen. Ted Kennedy he's opened a Massachusetts office to assist families of terror victims.

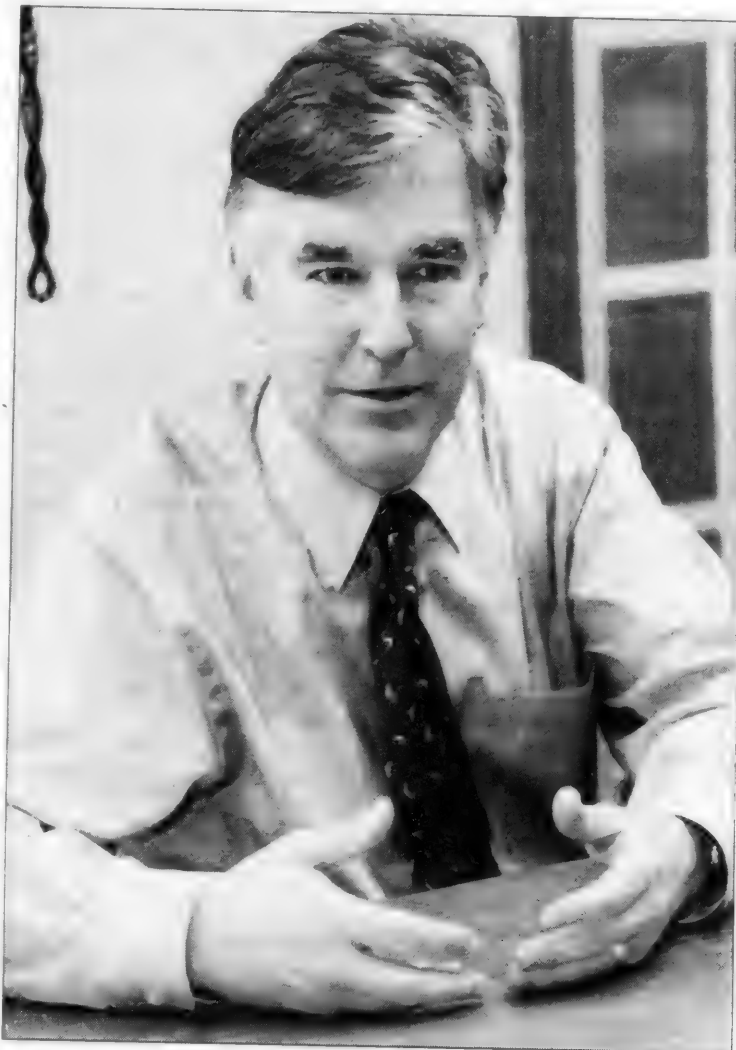
This week he met with the head of the Federal Aviation Administration and representatives for Lawrence Municipal Airport. On Tuesday he presented the family of the pilot of American Airlines Flight 11 with the news that the US Department of Agriculture is renaming its "Farmer to Farmer Program" the "John Ogonowski Farmer to Farmer Program."

He's had dinners with the families and held a concert that, with corporate gifts, will net \$400,000 for them, he says.

"There were times I said 'Why did we do this?' I'm not a concert promoter. My staff isn't. But it was worth it. The families afterward were so happy with it," says Meehan.

There were also times – in the hours after the plane crashes, in fact – when many people would have found it impossible to imagine Meehan doing what he's doing. Following the attacks, when there were reports that Air Force One had been one of the targets, Meehan said he called the theory "spin," and soon his head was spinning from all the negative comments directed toward him.

Meehan does not appear to believe the "spin comment" and negative feelings aimed at him afterward are likely to stick with



Congressman Marty Meehan at the Townsman last Friday.

him.

"I was asked a question by a reporter in Washington, gave him an honest answer and a week later the White House said I was right, that Air Force One wasn't a target. It was not a criticism in any way of the president," he says.

He says no one from the families has ever brought up his "spin" comment, and one woman who

lost someone wrote a letter criticizing his critics.

"The only place where that comment (came up) was talk radio. Real people? No," he says.

"Generally speaking people in the district recognized them for what they were. I would have been better off saying, 'No comment' and waiting a week before commenting," he says. "Do I wish I

Recalling AHS interview

Back in September – when US Congressman Marty Meehan's comment about "spin" was still landing him a place of dishonor in some people's letters and radio remarks – Meehan decided to make his first public appearance at Andover High School.

Does he remember the students' reaction?

"Oh yeah I do," he laughs. "I sure do."

"It was the first public event that I did – and I got beat up for being too supportive of the president," Meehan chuckles. "I thought, *This is unbelievable*. You know, the kids were smart, they were right on top of it and it was very interesting. They brought up our foreign policy in Central America and elsewhere, and I disagree with our foreign policy in Central America, but felt strongly that nothing could justify what happened Sept. 11. And I feel strongly we needed to respond militarily and give the president the authority to call in troops."

"But that wasn't the consensus that day at Andover High School," he says.

The students' questions were not what Meehan expected.

"I expected to have the opportunity to explain what happened and what the comments were, and why I said what I said. I welcomed the opportunity to talk directly about it. But I didn't expect to get criticized for supporting the president too much."

Meehan says that since October he had heard the "you're too supportive" criticism from other people, as the war on terrorism has continued.

During his interview with the *Townsman* Meehan certainly had high praise for Bush's war cabinet. He called it "the best national security team that any president has had in my lifetime."

didn't say it? Yeah."

Meehan says he made the comment to one reporter just after leaving a briefing where he'd been told that the plane downed in Pennsylvania had been headed to Washington, probably for the Capitol or the Pentagon.

"I commented because that's what the evidence was. They said it wasn't headed anywhere but Washington. So I felt a little victimized by the way this piece was written."

"But I didn't feel victimized after talking to the family members. I thought to myself, I can take a little bit of criticism because

I'm not going through what they're going through. So it was actually good for me to be dealing with people who had real problems."

Meehan says he reached out to victims families because, before being elected, he was a first assistant district attorney in Middlesex County.

"When you're a DA you work with victims, victims' families, and my natural inclination was to call all the victims in my district and to follow up with them."

He brought together an FBI official, an accountant, a lawyer,

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\$13 million in next two years for water plant?



River Road resident Cynthia Barakatt fills a vase. It isn't home use, but rather lawn use that most people say is to blame for the need to expand the current water treatment plant.

TREATMENT PLANT

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keep up much longer.

"As we continue to grow in the next five, 10, 15 years, that will be a limitation for us," Petkus says.

He has submitted a warrant article for \$975,000 for plant improvements. He plans to return to Town Meeting in 2003 and 2004 for an additional \$12 million to finish the job.

Money to fund the improvements would come out of the town's water enterprise fund. Only residents who are hooked up to the town's water supply would pay for the improvements, through increased water rates. But Petkus argues that's not a bad deal, considering the rates have held steady since 1993 – something he attributes to the amount of water

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There's no backing out of the agreements with North Reading, Andover's biggest customer, either – Andover is only 10 years into a 20-year contract with the community.

If Town Meeting approves the \$975,000 for water-treatment plant upgrades, residents will likely see an increase of about 25

Water facts

- The average Andover resident uses 71 gallons of water per day

- The entire population of Andover used 1.6 billion gallons of water in 2001

- The Shawsheen River is currently flowing at 9 percent of its average volume

- Ground water levels in Massachusetts are at a record low

cents in their water rate – currently \$2.50 per 100 cubic feet of water – by 2006, says Petkus.

OBITUARIES

Janice M. McLean

Known as "Grammie"

Janice M. (Zerbe) McLean, 83, of Railroad Street, died Tuesday, Jan. 22 at Lawrence General Hospital.

Mrs. McLean was a clerk at Hartigan Pharmacy in Andover for several years.



Janice M. McLean

Born in Winchester, she graduated from Punchard High School. She was a member of Andover Baptist Church and the Friendly Circle.

Mrs. McLean was a member of the Andover Senior Center and was a volunteer with Dolls for Dolls, to help terminally ill children. She was a Rainbow Girl and a Brownie leader.

Family members said her seamstress skills were excellent and she made beautiful teddy bears.

She was the widow of John M. McLean.

Members of her family include a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Patricia McLean of Andover; a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and George W. York III of Salem, N.H.; five grandchildren; several nieces; and a nephew.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boston Children's Hospital.

Funeral services were scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 23 from 3 to 8 p.m.

at Dewhirst & Conte Funeral Home, 28 Florence St., Andover. Funeral services will be held tomorrow, Friday, Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. at Free Christian Church, Andover. Burial will follow in Spring Grove Cemetery.

J. John Berger

Founding partner of Murphy and Berger

J. John Berger, 83, of 6 Glenn Cove, died Friday, Jan. 18, at the New England Medical Center in Boston.

Mr. Berger was a founding partner of Murphy and Berger Law Firm, and with his two sons began the Berger Law Offices.

For the last 15 years he was of counsel to Berger and Hyde Law Office.

Born and educated in Lawrence, he graduated from Lawrence High School, and received his law degree at Northeastern University.

He was a member of Temple Emanuel of Andover, the Massachusetts Bar Association, the Lawrence Bar Association, the Greater Lawrence Association for Retarded Children, served as secretary for the United Jewish Appeal, served on the Selective Service Board, was a long-time member of the Lawrence YMCA Hamblett Club, and the Massachusetts Conveyancers Association.

Members of his family include his wife of 55 years, Mollie (Prolman) Berger; sons and daughters-in-law, Carl W. Berger, and Mamie and Howard M. Berger, and Susan Shepard, all of Andover; a sister, Dorothy Heifetz of Fort Pierce Fla.; six grand-

children; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to Boston Guild For the Hard of Hearing, 1505 Commonwealth Ave., Suite 420, Brighton, MA 02135.

Funeral services were held at Temple Emanuel in Andover. Burial was in Temple Emanuel Cemetery, Lawrence.

Arrangements were by H.L. Farmer & Sons Funeral Homes, Haverhill.

Anna M. Ouellette

Longtime resident

Anna Mae (Gagnon) Ouellette, 77, of Andover, died Sunday, Jan. 20 at Whittier Rehabilitation Hospital in Haverhill.

Born and educated in Manchester, N.H., she lived in Andover and Methuen for most of her life.

Members of her family include her sons and daughters-in-law, Raymond J. and Sandra Ouellette of Gilford, N.H., and Ronald Ouellette and Annmarie Sorrow of North Hampton, N.H.; a brother, Joseph Gagnon of Manitou Springs, Colo.; sisters, Norma Dunn of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Barbara Barnes of Hudson, N.H.; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Massachusetts Affiliate Inc., 20 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

Funeral services were private and under the direction of Charles F. Dewhirst Andover Funeral Home, 33 Pearson St., Andover.

Eleanor M. McGuirk

Gave piano lessons

Eleanor M. (Robertson) McGuirk, 82, of Haverhill and formerly of Plaistow, N.H., died Friday, Jan. 18 at Kenoza Manor Nursing Home.

Born in Lawrence and educated in Andover, Mrs. McGuirk taught music

at Bradford Junior College and offered private piano lessons to students at her home for 10 years. She also played piano daily for residents of the nursing home.

Mrs. McGuirk was a member of Holy Angels Church. She was devoted to her family, they said.

She was the widow of William B. McGuirk.

Members of her family include sons and daughters-in-law, William and Carolyn McGuirk of Newburyport, George and Judie McGuirk of Haverhill, and Michael and Kathleen McGuirk of Plaistow, N.H.; sisters, Lillian McDonald, Kathryn Lund and JoEllen Ditenhafer, all of North Andover; three grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

There were no calling hours. Arrangements were by Dole, Childs & Shaw Funeral Home, 148 Main St. Springtime burial will be in Holy Angels Cemetery.

George Edwin Hadley

Was an engineer for 42 years at AT&T

G. Edwin Hadley, 85, of Boxford, and formerly of Andover, died Thursday, Jan. 17 at Beth Israel Deaconess Hospital in Boston.

Mr. Hadley was raised in Andover and graduated from Phillips Academy in 1934.

He received a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from MIT.

He worked as an engineer at Bell Laboratories for most of his 42 years at AT&T. He previously lived in Chatham, N.J., where he served on the Chatham board of education for seven years.

In 1972, his family moved to Boxford, where they lived for the past 30 years.

After a brief stint in Saudi Arabia, he retired in 1980. In his youth, he was an Eagle Scout, an avid tennis player and a track athlete. In retirement, Mr. Hadley was very active as a community leader and volunteer.

He was active in the Second Congregational Church of West Boxford,

DEATHS

J. John Berger, 83
Joseph Bonanno, 94
Frank G. Forte, 83
George Edwin Hadley, 85
Crystal M. Jabour, 23
Eleanor M. McGuirk, 82
Janice M. McLean, 83
Francis H. McParland, 75
Anna M. Ouellette, 77
Maurice Prolman, 85

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

BONANNO — Joseph Bonanno, 94, of Methuen, died Sunday, Jan. 20 at MI Nursing-Restorative Center in Lawrence. Members of his family include his sister, Vivian Simone of Andover.

FORTE — Frank G. Forte, 83, of Haverhill, died Saturday, Jan. 19 at Merrimack Valley Hospital. Mr. Forte worked as a custodian at Raytheon Corp. in Andover for 10 years, retiring in 1983.

JABBOUR — Crystal M. Jabour, 23, of Methuen, died Monday, Jan. 21 at Lawrence General Hospital. Members of her family include her sister, Leah Cassaletto of Andover.

PROLMAN — Maurice Prolman, 85, of Lawrence, died Monday, Jan. 21 at Sutton Hill Center. Mr. Prolman was a board member of the Merrimack Valley Jewish Family Service and a member of Temple Emanuel in Andover and Andover Country Club.

Friends of the Library, the MIT Alumni Association, Four Mile Village, the Council on Aging, AFS International and Northern Essex Elderly Transport.

Members of his family include his wife, Jean (Kemp Leslie) Hadley of Boxford; eight children, George Hadley of Normandy Park, Wa., Richard Hadley of Stratham, N.H., Susan Sargeant of Vienna, Va., John Hadley of Somerset, N.J., Peter Hadley of Roxbury, David Hadley of Boxford, Margaret Wing of Rutland, Vt., and Elizabeth Hadley-Boltres of New York City, N.Y.; a sister, Grace MacMillan of Wantagh, N.Y.; 20 grandchildren; and two nieces.

Memorial contributions may be made to Second Congregational Church, Boxford, or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Francis H. McParland

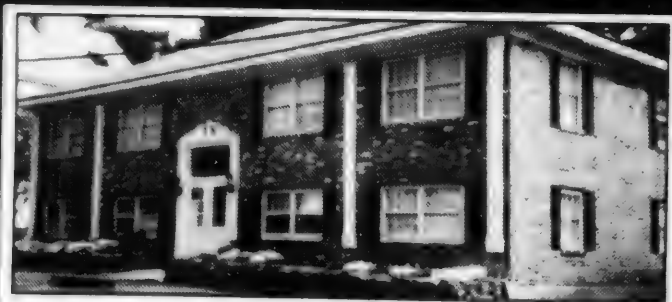
Was an engineer at Raytheon Corp. and Avco

Francis H. McParland, 75, of Andover, died Saturday, Jan. 19.

Born and educated in Lowell, Mr. McParland graduated from Went-

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FOR SENIORS

By Pat Becker

Andover Senior Center

Here are some of the activities coming up at the Andover Senior Center.

Movie Matinee: Monday, Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. we'll show the video *Far From Home*. This is a heart-warming story of friendship, courage, and adventure set against the backdrop of the Canadian wilderness. Reservations are not necessary. Just stop in and join us.

Art History Course: The senior center, in collaboration with the Addison Gallery, will offer a three-session "History of American Art" course beginning Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. Presenter will be Julie Bernson from the Addison, and cost of the class is \$15. Pre-registration is necessary.

Men's Breakfast: Our men's group will hold their monthly breakfast Friday, Jan. 25 at 8:30 a.m. Speaker will be Wayne Howard, who will show slides and talk about his interesting experience of living

and working at McMurdo Station in Antarctica. Reservations are \$3 and may be made by calling the center at 978-623-8321.

Chronic Condition Program: Do you have a diagnosis of diabetes, hypertension, arthritis, osteoporosis, or another chronic condition? If so, this self-management course has been designed just for you. This highly interactive class was developed by the School of Medicine at Stanford University and will be co-led by Deborah Malone, RN and Rachel Zalvan, LICSW. The program will begin Wednesday, Jan. 30 and run for six weeks, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Enrollment is limited, and questions about the class may be directed to Rachel at 978-623-8321. Cost is \$35, which includes all instruction, a reference book, and a relaxation tape.

Supper Club: Everyone's invited Wednesday, Jan. 30 when we'll dine at the Cedar Crest Restaurant at 5 p.m. for our monthly supper club. Cost is \$16 inclusive and menu

selections are available at the center. Don't let the winter weather get you down, come out and join us.

Uncovering Your Spirit: The senior center's spirituality group cordially invites you to join them for a six-week journey to discuss *The Celestine Prophecy* by James Redfield on Thursdays from 3:15 to 4:30 p.m. beginning Jan. 31. Pre-registration would be greatly appreciated. There is no charge for the course, but each participant should purchase his or her own book and come prepared to discuss the first couple of chapters.

Loretta LaRoche Trip: The senior center will sponsor a trip to the Lowell Memorial Auditorium to see the "first lady of humor," Loretta LaRoche, on Thursday evening, Feb. 7. Cost of the trip will be \$32, which includes excellent center floor seats and bus transportation from the center. If you want to enjoy a good laugh and a great night out, be sure and sign up quickly for this popular offering.

Friday Forum - Banking & Finance Fraud: Don't miss this important presentation on Friday, Feb. 1 at 9:30 a.m. when David Floreen from the Mass. Bankers Association and Jack Christin from the attorney general's office will be our guest speakers. Learn how to avoid becoming a victim of fraud when it comes to banking and finance issues. Be aware of the different forms of financial pitfalls, ways to protect yourself, and how to report concerns. This will be a very informative program.

and pre-registration would be greatly appreciated.

Valentine Concert: The Andover Chamber Music Series will present a Valentine concert, "Truly Madly Deeply," featuring

the music of Brahms, on Sunday, Feb. 10 at 4 p.m.

A limited number of tickets will be available for purchase through the senior center. Call Pat for information.

ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE



At its Jan. 15 meeting, the Northeast Chapter of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society donated \$500 to the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, to match the Abbot Academy Association Challenge Grant. Above, from left, are Nicia Gruener, chairman of the Northeast Chapter and a trustee of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society; Malinda Blustain, interim director of the Peabody Museum; Eugene Winter, honorary curator of the Peabody Museum and past president and current trustee of the Massachusetts Archaeological Society. In addition, at the annual Mozart Birthday faculty concert sponsored by the Phillips Academy music department, suggested donations of \$5 per person will go to the Peabody Museum to support its ongoing work. The concert takes place this Sunday, Jan. 27 at 3 p.m., in Cochran Chapel at Phillips Academy. (Story, page 26.)

OBITUARIES

■ FRANCIS MCPARLAND

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worth Institute of Technology in Boston. He was an engineer at Raytheon Corp. and Avco in Lowell.

Mr. McParland served in the Army during World War II.

He was a communicant of St. Augustine Parish.

He was the widower of Ethel F.

(Smith) McParland.

Members of his family include his daughter, Patricia and husband Billy Flowers of Melrose; son, Edward F. McParland of Lowell; sister, Anne M. McParland of Lowell; two grandchildren; and one niece.

Arrangements were by Mahoney Funeral Home, 187 Nesmith St., Lowell.

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Finegold

Nicaraguan trip an 'eye-opener'

By Rebecca Piro

After a six-day trip to Nicaragua to see the country's new president sworn in, state Rep. Barry Finegold returned to Andover last week with a new appreciation – and taste – for Latin-American culture.

"It was a real eye opener," says Finegold. "It really makes you appreciate what you have in this country."

Salvador Stadthagen, a former Nicaraguan ambassador to Taiwan and Japan, and a former classmate of Finegold's at Harvard University's JFK School of Government, invited the state legislator to the inauguration. The November election of Enrique Bolanos is the third democratic election Nicaragua has had since the Sandinista rule of the 1980s. The third-world country is still struggling to overcome high rates of unemployment, underemployment and poverty, says Finegold.

"It's tough," he says. "I've always been very interested in Central America, and I'm interested to see what happened to a country that 10 years ago was under Communist rule. Managua is the capital of Nicaragua, and I don't think there's even one skyscraper there."

Seeing the good that US financial and technological aid has done in Nicaragua made Finegold swell with American pride. But he says he also gained new appreciation for the struggle that members of his Latin-American constituency deal with daily here in America.

"To become acclimated in a first-world country is really a huge step," he says. "We need to make sure that we're providing programs to help them do that."

In particular, Finegold wants to see efforts to teach English stepped up in Lawrence and other diverse communities.

"We need to make sure people are learning English. I struggled with my Spanish while I was over there, and I can imagine how difficult it is for someone who doesn't

know English (in the US)."

Finegold says he supports Gov. Jane Swift's recently-announced bill that proposes flexibility for local communities to design their own bilingual education program, rather than use the state's imposed plan.

"Each school district should be able to choose the way they want to approach (bilingual education). We need to train teachers more (about) what their students have to overcome when, in (the students') households, English is not the

main language being spoken," says Finegold.

The Swift bill is important for Andover schools like West Elementary School that also have significant diversity, he adds.

The trip to Nicaragua also means that Finegold will likely stop by restaurants in Lawrence that sell platano – a fried banana-like food that he rediscovered while away.

"I know they are served in Lawrence. I'm a big fan – they're fabulous," he says.



Above – State Rep. Barry Finegold (far right) poses with George P. Bush (third from left), son of Florida Governor Jeb Bush and nephew to President George W. Bush. The American visitors (pictured also with other legislators and Finegold's fiancée, Amy Gottesman), are seen here in the old bomb shelter of former Nicaraguan ruler Daniel Ortega. Below – Finegold attended the inauguration of Nicaragua's new president, Enrique Bolanos, held two weeks ago.



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Meehan wants federal funds for airports, regional safety units

■ MEEHAN

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victims advocates and a Social Security worker, so the families would have resources available to them.

"What I saw in the crowd was these people talking to one other,"

he says.

"Everyone's affected by it, but I'll tell you what. No one's affected the way these families are. They need each other - a lot. I followed up and had a meeting, a dinner, at my house. It was powerful stuff. But by the end of the night you couldn't hear in my

house. It was as loud as any group of people you could have over. Everyone was talking and communicating and networking.

"I feel like doing things like this are more important than 90 percent of what you do as a member of Congress," he says. "I'm growing as a person being around it. I think the whole country is."

Meehan says he's considering extending his efforts to families outside of his district.

"The question I asked, every place I went, is: How many people know a family member personally affected. Sixty to 70 percent of the hands go up, whether I'm in Andover or (elsewhere). Everywhere this has dramatically impacted us as a community in the Merrimack Valley. But it's affected the families more."

Airports

According to Meehan, the victims families have told him that their No. 1 concern is making airports safe, he says.

Shortly after Sept. 11, Meehan went to Lawrence Municipal Airport to draw attention to the need to protect both international and smaller airports.

Meehan says that while

Lawrence airport has tightened security, "the money that I'm looking for to finance some of the changes, we haven't gotten yet," says Meehan.

Jane Garvey, head of the FAA, was scheduled to meet with the mayor of Lawrence this week, and the airport is getting money from the state to implement a plan its created.

The mayor's lease plan for the area will result in "a stream of revenue" that could be used for cameras and fences airport security wants, says Meehan.

"We're getting there," he says "and there aren't too many airport administrators or mayors from a small city that get a chance to meet directly with an FAA administrator."

But it will take one year for the smaller airports to reach the level of increased security that has been implemented at the larger airports, he says.

As for this week's meeting, Meehan says he needs the following to happen as a result for the meeting to be considered a success:

"I want to see the FAA not only issue guidelines as to how to make regional airports safe, but also pro-

vide some resources to help local communities make these smaller, municipal airports safe," he says.

"I think we all in the Merrimack Valley have an interest in making sure that someone can't get into a plane at the Lawrence Municipal Airport and fly it into a building. That should be part of our homeland-security defense.

Safety

As for meeting the needs of local police and fire departments who may need to respond to terrorist threats, Meehan says firefighters' regional hazardous materials-handling teams "are a model for what we need to do nationally."

"The federal homeland security office is going to have to provide funding to do this. We have to regionalize our efforts to do that. One of the things we're looking at is seeing if we can have the armory in Haverhill made into a homeland security center for the entire Merrimack Valley. There are very few communities that have kept their armories."

Meehan will host a town meeting on Monday, Jan. 28 at Memorial Hall Library on Main Street from 7 to 9 p.m.

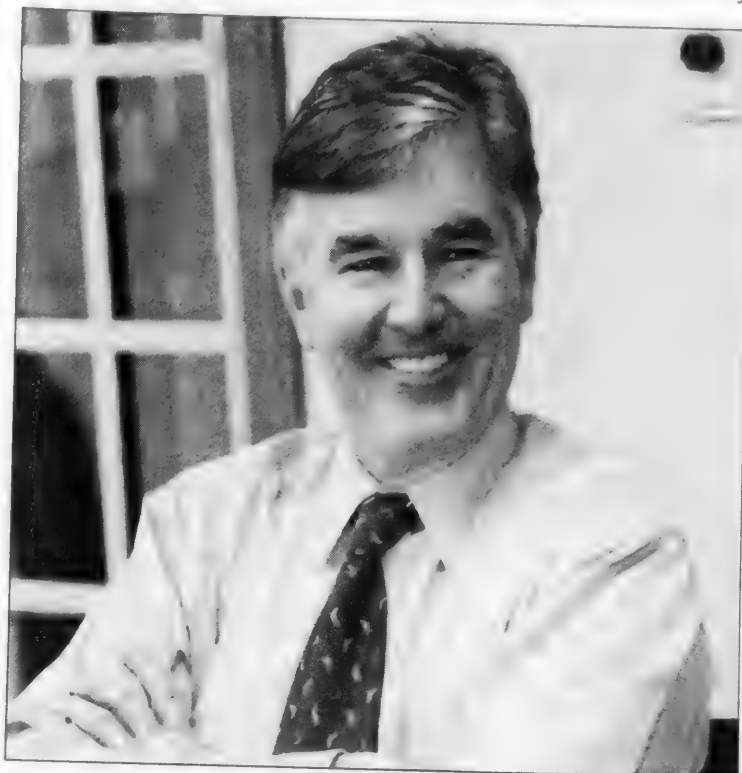


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Wednesday, Jan. 16 — At 12:01 p.m., Calvin Garcia, 21, of 17 Saxonia Ave., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a suspended license, attaching the wrong plates to a vehicle, and driving without insurance and registration.

Friday, Jan. 18 — At 4:03 p.m., Carlos Miranda, 20, of 91 Myrtle St., Apt. 1, Lawrence, was arrested and charged on a warrant.

At 6:26 p.m., a 53-year-old Andover woman was taken into protective custody for intoxication.

At 7:14 p.m., Kimberly Phillips, 17, of 10 Holt Road, Amherst, N.H., was arrested and charged as a person less than 21 years old in possession of alcohol. A 16-year-old male from Amherst, N.H., was also arrested and charged as a person less than 21 years old in possession of alcohol. Liam Scofield, 18, of 16 Storybrook Lane, Amherst, N.H., was arrested and charged as a person less than 21 years old in possession of alcohol and also in possession of a Class D substance.

At 9:25 p.m., Derek Powers, 18, of 6 Quail Run, was arrested and charged with assault and battery on a police officer, resisting arrest, acting disorderly and possessing a Class D substance. Andrew Jenkins, 18, of 15 West Parish Drive, was arrested and charged as a person less than 21 years old in possession of alcohol, resisting arrest and possessing a Class D substance. Joseph Fabrizio, 18, of 7 Sugarbush Lane, was arrested and charged as a person less than 21 years of age in possession of alcohol and in possession of a Class D substance.

Saturday, Jan. 19 — At 1:08 a.m., Patrick Kauth, 18, of 13 Hillcrest Lane, Sarasota Springs, N.Y., was arrested and charged as a person under 21 years in possession of alcohol.

At 5:32 a.m., Ronald Cavanaugh, 34, of 139 Pine Ridge Road, Medford, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and disturbing the peace.

Tuesday, Jan. 22 — At 9:29 p.m., Ateba Doughty, 23, of 189 East 18th St., Brooklyn, N.Y., was arrested and charged with receiving stolen property worth more than \$250.

INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Jan. 16 — At 5:06 p.m., a Memorial Circle resident reported that three boys threw snowballs at her daughter and hurt her.

Thursday, Jan. 17 — At 4 p.m., a Pleasant Street resident reported that a skunk was under her porch.

Friday, Jan. 18 — At 1:55 p.m., a Dascomb Road resident reported that her daughter had received a threatening e-mail.

Saturday, Jan. 19 — At 4:39 p.m., a female employee from Verizon reported that she had been receiving threatening phone calls.

Sunday, Jan. 20 — At 5:10 p.m., a Partridge Hill resident complained about noise coming from a neighbor who was riding a snowmobile in his yard. A responding officer determined that the snowmobile riding was not a noise problem unless the rider did it late at night.

Tuesday, Jan. 22 — At 4:33 p.m., police issued a criminal complaint to an 18-year-old male from Rochester for possession of a Class D substance.

At 5:16 p.m., a person found a Citizens Bank debit card on Main Street and brought it to the station for safekeeping.

At 10:11 p.m., an Argilla Road resident reported problems with unsolicited e-mail. A responding officer instructed the resident "on how to use 'block sender' on the computer," according to the log.

THEFTS

Wednesday, Jan. 16 — At 9:56 a.m., an employee at Banknorth reported a bad check.

Thursday, Jan. 17 — At 10:55 a.m., a male reported the theft of a violin from West Middle School.

Monday, Jan. 21 — At 8:15 a.m., a Morton Street resident reported a

theft from a condominium association.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Thursday, Jan. 17 — At 9:26 p.m., a female reported that she had struck a dog with her vehicle. The dog's owner took the animal to the animal hospital.

Friday, Jan. 18 — At 11:04 a.m., an officer reported an attempted larceny of a radio from a motor vehicle.

Saturday, Jan. 19 — At 3:03 a.m., a vehicle struck and killed a deer on Gray Road.

Tuesday, Jan. 22 — At 8:18 a.m., a Brookside Drive caller reported that someone had broken into his vehicle during the night and stolen a radio.

At 9:10 a.m., a Pine Brook Drive resident reported that her car had been broken into the night before.

At 10:39 a.m., a female resident of Brookside Drive reported that someone broke into her car.

ACCIDENTS

Friday, Jan. 18 — At 10:21 p.m., a car slid on ice and hit a tree on Burnham Road. No one was injured but the car was towed away.

Sunday, Jan. 20 — At 1:11 a.m., a car struck an electrical pole on River Road. No one was injured in the accident, but the vehicle was towed away.

Monday, Jan. 21 — At 1:42 p.m., a car on Holt Road hit an electrical pole. The car was towed away, and police notified Mass Electric of damage to the pole.

At 9:10 p.m., two vehicles were involved in an accident on Central Street. Both cars were towed and an ambulance responded to treat the injured parties.

VANDALISM

Four incidents of vandalism were reported this week.

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Police substation attracts kids with homework, big goals

By Rebecca Piro

Twenty-two kids are improving their grades – and having fun doing it – thanks to a new after-school program at Memorial Circle. But they'll have to keep up the good work to keep the program going.

"It's basically a homework after-school program," says Police Sgt. Barbara Connolly. She's standing inside the police substation at Grandview Terrace, surrounded by computer monitors and talkative kids.

Connolly wrote a proposal for the New Horizons for Youth project last summer and received a grant to get the program started. She's hoping to help disadvantaged kids stay off the streets and get a solid education.

This year, the state gave Andover about \$50,000 for the program, and the town's police department matched \$17,000 of it. If it wants to continue the program next year, the department will have to match 50 percent of the program's cost, and the following year, 75 percent. Eventually, if Andover wants to keep New Horizons for Youth, taxpayers will have to shoulder the responsibility completely.

That won't be easy, considering that the police department, along

with every other town department, is looking for places to cut – not increase – its budget.

"Right now, I don't know whether we'll make the cut or not," Connolly says. "I would hate to see something that's so beneficial not be prolonged."

Since New Horizons for Youth started in November, teachers and parents have praised the organizers for its results. Bancroft and Doherty teachers have reported higher grades and better study habits, says Jen Aylward, an Andover resident and UMass Amherst graduate hired to coordinate the program. She works full time with the kids, with the help of part-timer Mary Wesson who has worked with juveniles for 20 years. Both are paid with grant money and spend five days per week, from 2 to 6 p.m., surrounded by questions and tugs on the arm.

Aylward doesn't need the teachers' comments to know that the kids are making the most of the program.

"They want to do it on the weekends!" she laughs.

If she decides to do any expanding, she'll probably have plenty of help. Officers Robin Cataldo, Dennis Lane and Sgt. John Pathiakos stop by regularly to help the kids on computers and with homework.



Sgt. Barbara Connolly enjoys working with kids in the Andover Housing Authority's computer room, also used as a police substation.

Some Andover High School students are organizing a volunteer group to spend time at the substation and Andover Housing Authority "community room" with the

kids.

One of those students is Joe Robles, an 18-year-old senior at AHS who grew up in Memorial Circle. He gets angry when he

hears stereotypical remarks about his low-income neighborhood.

"These kids here have a lot of potential, and they're great kids."

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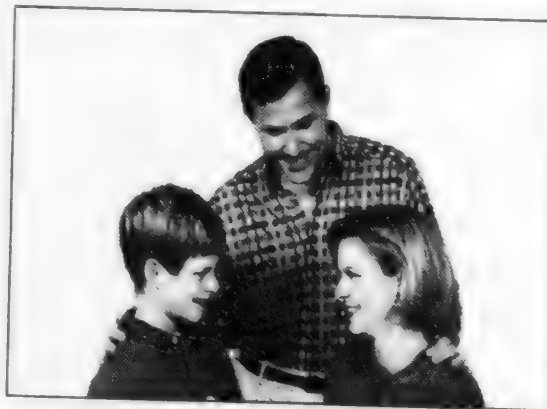
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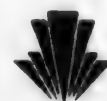
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The following homes were sold in Andover during September, according to public information provided by the Registry of Deeds in Lawrence:

John A. and Laurie G. Konevich bought 6 Atwood Lane for \$783,900 from Robert J. and Ellen M. Yurko. The mortgage is with Bank One.

David H. Barrett bought 6 Chongris Circle for \$770,500 from ATM Realty Corp. The mortgage is with Reading Cooperative Bank.

Terrence Joyce bought property on Chestnut Street for \$210,000 from Old Yankee Realty Trust, Ralph R. Joyce, trustee.

David J. and Kim Anne Walters bought 64 North St. for \$230,000 from the Gary H. McKible 1990 Trust. The mortgage is with Mortgage Master Inc.

Madeline A. Minahan bought 270 Andover St. for \$537,000 from Joanne Y. Borland and James J. Peck.

Steven and Christine Gross bought 277 South Main St. for \$662,500 from Alan S. and Pamela S. Russell. The mortgage is with Sovereign Bank.

Sally M. Geaney bought 8 Pipers Glen Road for \$975,000 from Steven M. and Christine M. Gross. The mortgage is with Wells Fargo Bank West.

Ellen J. Stanford and Jose A. Loureiro bought 10 Chester St. for \$305,000 from Frederick H. and Sonia A. Buckley. The mortgage is with Ipswich Savings Bank.

Christina L. Cote bought 354 North Main St. for \$160,000 from Lisa M. Kaminski.

Arthur J. and Beth E. Lynch bought 177 Main St. for \$95,000 from Craig T. and Marjorie P. Burton. The mortgage is with Old Kent Mortgage Co.

Anne R. Hemmer bought 60 High Plain Road for \$377,000 from Jonathan M. and Ellen R. Brody. The mortgage is with Citizens Mortgage Corp.

Catherine A. Kennedy bought 52 Chestnut St. for \$473,000 from Jeffrey A. and Deborah A. Webber. The mortgage is with Interate Mortgage Corp.

Paul F. Yannalfo bought 92 North St. for \$334,500 from Ken M. and Lisa A. O'Leary. The mortgages are with Bank of America.

— Compiled by Ben Hellman, from information available at the Lawrence Registry of Deeds



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This home on Chester Street sold for \$305,000 in September.

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Education

And then, there were three...

Doherty switches to trimesters

By Ben Hellman and Neil Fater

DOHERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS are getting three report cards instead of four this year, and soon, all three of Andover's middle schools may use trimesters.

No decision has been formally made, but Superintendent Claudia Bach says that she expects that West Middle School will eventually switch to the trimester grading system and that the new school will open with trimesters, too.



Floyd McManus

Doherty parents and administrators say the reason for the change is to allow students more time to improve their grades after mid-term progress reports

are sent home. When students had four terms during the school year, progress reports were sent home after 19 days, says Floyd McManus, Doherty Middle School principal.

During the first term, teachers spend time orienting the new students to the school, meaning that they have even less school work to evaluate for the first progress report. Switching to trimesters allows more work to be gathered before a report is sent home.

"The original impetus for it came from the staff," says McManus. "The feeling was, they just did not have enough information to make (the progress report) a viable instrument."

Later in the year, students can spend up to 11 or 12 days taking the MCAS, meaning "a progress report was being sent on approximately eight days of work," he says.

Doherty released its honor rolls from the first trimester this month, and soon will send home its progress reports for the second trimester.

"From having done it now, it seems to be working out pretty well," says McManus. "(Before) the student would get the (progress report)

and have very little time to make amends.

"Parents did ask if the progress report could be revised to include more of a written narrative from the teachers than had been provided before. A progress report has been developed that has proven to be quite satisfactory."

Parent Advisory Committee member and Doherty parent Norma Villarreal says the new system "allows parents time to meet with teachers after progress reports."

Caroline Hanson, vice president of the Parent Advisory Committee, also supports the change, saying, "I think (Floyd McManus's) arguments were worthwhile."

McManus says the only "fly in the ointment" is that having three marking terms means students are recognized less often for good grades or for making the school's homework honor roll.

Hanson said that some parents were concerned about getting fewer grades, but that this system gave teachers a longer time to get to know the students before evaluating them.

McManus says that the change was in the planning stage for two years and was brought before the school council and the Parent Advisory Committee before it was implemented.

When asked about the change to trimesters, Bach referred the *Townsmen* to McManus.

"I'm guessing that it allows (the school) to more accurately report to the parents," she said. Bach said the decision to use trimesters had more to do with improving communication with parents than any other educational benefit.

McManus says the change to trimesters does not affect the

number or type of courses that students take. Students will still cover six areas of enrichment, such as art, just as they did when they had four terms.

[**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Doherty Middle School's first-term honor roll was published last week, in the Jan. 17 issue of the *Townsmen*.]



Pursuing fairness - Mike Papa, with daughters Courtney, 6, and Sarah, 7, believes students should be able to stay with their friends when they go to middle school.

Crossing over or staying put?

Town warrant article puts the redistricting decision into parents' hands, resident says

By Ben Hellman

Mike Papa doesn't agree with the redistricting plan for middle-school students and wants Town Meeting to allow some parents to choose what middle school their children attend.

Each year under the new redistricting plan, about 10 to 15 percent of elementary children who attend one elementary school with familiar faces and friends will be sent to a different middle school than the rest of their classmates, he says.

"Redistricting created two populations of students. One population is being unfairly treated," says Papa.

Papa says he's worked with the School Committee and superintendent for the past year and, having failed to achieve a result he finds acceptable, has submitted an article for the town warrant. The article would give the parents in five cross-over districts

(the Ballardvale, River Street/Laconia, Elm Street, Haggetts Pond Road, and Noel Drive/Irongate areas) the option of keeping their children with their elementary-school classmates.

Papa says the article puts the decision into the parents' hands, where it belongs. "Who better knows their child? The superintendent doesn't know my child. The School Committee doesn't know my child," he says.

The article recalls the recent grandfathering debate, where parents wanted the chance to avoid transferring eighth-grade students to a new middle-school for one year. But Papa says his article would have more long-lasting effects.

"Grandfathering is a short-term issue, this is embedded into the system," he says. The redistricting could affect his children for their entire middle-school experience.

When asked if he believes

parents in other areas of Andover should also be allowed to choose where their children go, Papa answered that his article will extend an opportunity only to families he believes were unfairly affected by the redistricting plan.

The article would not require the school system to provide busing for the school-choice children. Parents opting to keep their children with their classmates would have to provide transportation.

Busing was an issue in the recent grandfathering debate. Parents willing to drive their children to school argued that they were asking little from the administration in exchange for allowing their children to remain with classmates. Superintendent Claudia Bach has said she's concerned that not offering busing would exclude children whose parents could not provide transportation, potentially creating a 'haves' versus 'have-nots' situation.

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LUNCH MENUS

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Elementary schools

Monday: Monte cristo on bagel, slice of pizza, toasted cheese with soup. Healthy choice, fruit, veggie and milk. Lucky tray day.

Tuesday: Egg McMuffin with puffs. Pizza rings, baked chicken nuggets. Healthy choice, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Pizza pasta, chicken McSchool, hot dog with fries. Healthy choice, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Cheesy beef-n-mac, french toast and sausage, baked chicken nuggets. Healthy choice, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Southern fried chicken, mozzarella sticks, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, vegetable and milk.

Doherty Middle School

Monday: Two hot dogs with puffs, spaghetti and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Taco pie, baked chicken nuggets, pizza pasta, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich, spaghetti ilio olio, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Barbecue chicken with potato and vegetable, American chop suey, baked chicken nuggets, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Meat-filled raviolis, baked chicken nuggets, 2 hot dogs with chips, fruit, vegetable and milk.

Secondary schools

Monday: Two hot dogs with puffs, spaghetti and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Tuesday: Taco pie, pizza pasta, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Wednesday: Hot turkey sandwich, spaghetti ilio olio, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Oven-baked chicken with potato and vegetable, American chop suey, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: Meat-filled ravioli, macaroni with meat sauce, stuffed crust pizza.

New Healthy Choice menu

Salads: chef's, chicken, caesar, pasta with roll, fruit and milk.

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Calzones with fries, fruit and milk, cold cut, chicken parm, ham and cheese, cheeseburger.

Pizza rings, fresh risen dough brushed with a garlic sauce, topped with whole mozzarella and topped with pepperoni, served with a cup of pizza sauce, fruit and milk.

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Any parent interested in applying for one of the preschool openings for their child is asked to call **Shawsheen School** for a screening appointment and open house information. The date for screening is Tuesday, Feb. 5.

Shawsheen School is located at 18 Magnolia Ave. The phone number is 978-623-8854.

Plans are just beginning for an **Andover High 40th reunion** to be held on or about June 15, with the location and date flexible. Organizers want to start gathering information from those who might

be interested in attending.

Said organizer **Jim O'Reilly**, "Responding by e-mail right away will get you the e-mail addresses of several of your classmates. However, if I told you now who is in this group today, you might decide not to respond at all. Seriously, we are interested in creating/adding to networks of classmates, as well as trying to get as many as possible together in June. Of course, volunteers who would like to help are more than welcome."

He added that those who have expressed interest in a reunion don't live in Andover. "...so we are somewhat concerned that another group out there is also planning one. If any of you have heard of other plans, please let me know right away."

In addition to O'Reilly, the group consists of **JoAnn (Murray) Gorrie**, **Mal Sandberg**, **Giles Larrabee**, **Priscilla (Romeo) Harrison**, **Sandi (Feigan) Greenberg**, and **Florrie (Duguid) Bramley**.

Contact O'Reilly at <jimor5@yahoo.com>.



PHOTOS BY CAROL VAN DOREN

Bancroft School turned into an art gallery last Thursday night as hundreds of art pieces were exhibited and string musicians strolled the corridors. Art teacher **Sindy Weiss** organized 580 pieces for this show, which works out to one for every student. Hundreds of parents and students visited the exhibit, which featured pieces designed to look like works by artist **Piet Mondrian**, work with a multimedia focus, animal collages, and three-dimensional shape projects. There was also a "hands-on" art table. "All of the works help to express feelings and to connect children to the larger world," Weiss said, adding that the turnout was great. Above left: fourth-graders **Celia Lewis** (left) and **Sherry Wu** make music together. Above right: **Eric Walther-Grant**, in fifth grade, explores the world of castles.

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Townspeople

TOWN TALK

Andover man coming to aid of Afghan refugees

Andover native and Phillips Academy graduate Sean Callahan is recognized for his humanitarianism in this month's issue of *Boston Magazine*.

When he graduated from Tufts, Callahan passed on the lucrative job scene and opted instead for a job with Catholic Relief Services. He went to Costa Rica for a \$10-per-day stipend.

Now, 14 years later, he is still with the group working first-hand with Afghan evacuees in the Afghan refugee camp in north-west Pakistan.

He said the magazine Afghan people are very hospitable, but helping them can be difficult. Not surprisingly, they don't trust government, as "governments have let them down in the past," he said.

His job has taken him to numerous war-torn areas around the world in an effort to supply relief projects. Those places include Nicaragua, Angola, and inside Afghanistan.

Callahan also graduated from Tufts Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy. He gets back to Andover just once or twice a year. He owns a condo in town and said those few homecomings are much-needed. He needs the occasional relief from relief work.

— Judy Wakefield

Many hands help hat and mitten project

Kristina Giangrande of Andover sends her thanks to everyone who supported her family's carwash or bake sales for the City of Lawrence Hat and Mitten project.

Corporate sponsors included Land's End (which donated more than 700 pairs of mittens), the Gillette Co., Marshalls and New

Balance. Other companies included the Andover Bank, Chelsea and Scott, Daher's Shoes, The Mary Harper Group, Shaw's Supermarkets, the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Lawrence, Timberland and Woolrich, she says.

"Together, we were able to collect and distribute 778 pairs of hats and mittens worth over \$11,500, doubling what we collected last year. We delivered sets to each of the 16 public schools in Lawrence that have K-2 grade levels. We even delivered 80 sets of boots that were kindly donated," she wrote. "Thanks for helping to keep kids warm and healthy this winter. Next year I hope we can collect 1,000 sets!"

Meehan's wishbone offense talks turkey

U.S. Congressman Marty Meehan was 25 minutes early for his 1:30 p.m. meeting at the *Townsmen* on Friday. Could it be he wanted to start preparing for Saturday's big Patriots-Raiders match-up?

Absolutely, said Meehan. In fact, his meeting at the

paper was Meehan's last of the day. Known as a rabid Patriots football fan, Meehan was ready for the pregame tailgate on Saturday with a big spread.

His fare? Not jambalaya, Turkey. Actually, four whole, deep-fried turkeys.

Meehan said he'd save the New Orleans-style food for the day of the AFC Championship Game. Fans serve jambalaya as a sign of confidence in their team, because the Super Bowl will be in New Orleans this year.

— Neil Fater



Rep. Marty Meehan

Fetish Fair Fleamarket setting up shop at Ramada

Thousands could drive to 'walk on the wild side'

By Judy Wakefield

ANDOVER IS A TOWN known for its AAA bond rating and a fetish for triple-car garages.

This weekend, in one building in town, the rating drops to X and the fetishes get much more risqué.

An erotic flea market will come Saturday, Jan. 26 and Sunday, Jan. 27, to the Rolling Green Ramada on Lowell Street. The Fetish Fair Fleamarket, billed as the single largest leather – S&M (sadism and masochism) – fetish event in the Northeast, features more than 75 vendors who will be peddling products such as whips and leather restraints.

In addition, the group will host a Bacchanalia ball in the hotel atrium on Saturday night and awards will be given for best leather and latex garb and the "most outrageous, but legal"

costume.

It is sponsored by the New England Leather Alliance and marks the second time the event has come to town. The event was here last year (at the Ramada) and attracted 3,000 people over two days, according to organizers.

Many residents are like Selectman Brian Major, who said he never knew about last year's event and didn't know about this weekend until told by a reporter.

"There is nothing you can do about it," Major said noting that it's an issue of free speech, "even the Klu Klux Klan could come to town."

He said the event was "not that big of a deal" and unless something drastic happens that affects the town, the fair has a right to be here.

Major pointed out that Town Meeting designated an adult entertainment section of town

about six years ago. Coincidentally, it is located near the Internal Revenue Service, which is across the street from the Ramada.

While he wasn't a selectman at the time, Major remembers Andover officials being concerned about an adult entertainment controversy in neighboring North Andover. A developer was pushing for a strip club near that town's airport.

"If you don't have a designated area, they can set up a strip club wherever they want," he said.

Hence, the Andover bylaw was enacted to control where such a facility could be built.

The publicity director for the Leather Alliance did not return a phone call, but it was reported elsewhere that the biggest problem at last year's fair was something tame and common to Andover – a traffic tie-up.

SERVING COMMUNITY



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

More than 200 Phillips Academy students visited community agencies throughout the Greater Lawrence area Monday in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, part of an ongoing community service program in which many PA students participate year-round. The agencies students visited included Academy Manor, where students such as Lauren Nickerson visited with elders, such as her new friend Peter Mandry, and led educational activities and games that conveyed the message of MLK. Students also visited Bread and Roses, Lazarus House, Community Charter School, Corpus Christi AIDS Residence, Lawrence Boys and Girls Clubs, Lawrence Kids Fair at Adelante Youth Center, and MI Restorative, all in Lawrence; Kids Fair and a clothing drive, on the Phillips campus; The Greenery, North Andover; MSPCA, Methuen; and Salem Mission, Salem, Mass.

Library promotes winter book sale this weekend

The Friends of Memorial Hall Library will hold a winter book sale this weekend, starting Friday, Jan. 25, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Saturday, Jan. 26, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Sunday, Jan. 27, 1 to 4:30 p.m. Because of the library renovations, a book sale was not held in November. As a result, the Friends have "more books, better books, and an incredible number of children's books," organizers said. The Friends sponsor these sales to provide special programs and services that expand and enrich the library's regular budget. Programs include Sunday concerts and readings, guest speakers, children's programs, book-discussion groups, fishing programs, genealogy programs, and monthly Wednesday morning programs.

Out flat with the flu

Throughout all of these years, I always thought I knew:
A few aches, a few pains – and that's called the flu.
And maybe there's some nausea and general malaise,
But then you're back on your feet in one or two days.



Lorraine Lordi
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However, take it from someone who is still in recovery –

The real flu knocks you out flat. That's my recent discovery.

While the room you're lying in spins round and round,
Your head feels like a bass drum upon which mallets now pound.

A head, did I say? More precisely – one thick cement ball

That can't manage to stay upright, so to the side it must fall.

By then your whole body comes crumbling down;
If you didn't know better, you'd think you were a clown

With legs that are wobblier than overcooked spaghetti
And eyes all glazed over, thoughts scattered like confetti.
Oh, it may sound amusing, but believe me, it's not –
When one minute you're freezing, then the next minute you're hot.

And you know with certainty that this isn't a hot flash,
For your forehead feels like a spud that's been mashed and remashed.
And then there's this spike stuck in the back of your head.
You'd like to get off of the couch, but your torso feels like lead.

Then suddenly you realize that for the past four or five hours,
You've been staring at the wall, which has taken all of your power.
What's happened to your body? Do you still have your mind?
You suspect it might be floating upstairs. But you can't make the climb.

A once strong, happy person has been reduced to a wimp,
As every fiber in your being has suddenly gone limp.
The tears flow in rivers now. They cascade down to your toes,
Only clogging up further your already clogged up nose.

With one last great effort, you manage to call your M.D.
She says she can see you – if you can come in by 3.
Your gaunt, spectral appearance gives your doctor the chills,
But she keeps her composure and then hands you some pills.

It's been a long, lonely week – a fuzzy blur in your brain,
But you're on the right track now. At least you feel sane.
And now that you're better, you know just what to do:
Make an appointment for next year – and get that shot for the flu.

► Lorraine Lordi is an Eagle-Tribune Publications columnist.

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Andona, in conjunction with the Andover Historical Society, is preparing an exhibit entitled "Abolition to Andona – Women Active in Andover," which will be displayed at the Historical Society from March 1 through April 2.

Organizers said, "We are looking for memorabilia to display in the exhibit such as past ballgowns, clownsuits, pictures, invitations, programs, carnival prizes and any and all memories you may like to share. Please write or contact Lisa McDonald, 6 Durham Drive, at 978-475-9397, with your responses. We look forward to hearing from you and hope to see you in attendance at the Andover Historical Society exhibit commemorating Andona's 50 years of service to the Andover community."

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ON THE SCENE

Snow outside, warm spirits inside

WHO CAN FORGET last Saturday night's effect on parties? The snow fell, the Patriots game went into overtime, and many party plans went fizzle as a result. Except at the Newcomers Club wine-tasting event.



ON THE SCENE

Judy Wakefield

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They have been active with the club for years and are helping newcomers get acquainted with Andover.

By the way, Mary reported that an Italian red wine served last was the favorite, although many sippers enjoyed the merlot served up by Barry.

Barry and Mary Kelleher opened up their lovely Hidden Road home for the event and about 30 guests braved the white stuff to sip the red stuff. The Kellehers are longtime Andover residents, but hail from Ireland. They know a thing or two about being newcomers.

They have been active with the club for years and are helping newcomers get acquainted with Andover.

The holidays are long over and the LOVELiest month of the year is just around the corner, so the social calendar around town is getting booked up – finally!

Quota of Andover, whose membership is about 35 women (mostly from Andover), is holding a dinner dance and silent auction at the Holiday Inn in Tewksbury on Saturday, Feb. 9. Tickets are \$50 per person. This service organization focuses on women and children in need, along with the hearing impaired. In fact, fundraiser proceeds have funded a scholarship to a Northern Essex Community College student in the deaf studies program. Quota members also brightened the holidays for some Academy Manor Nursing Home residents in Andover who would have gone without presents if not for Quota. Call **Marcia Golden** at 978-688-2880 for tickets.

The American Textile Museum in Lowell, which boasts many members from Andover, is holding its third annual Valentine to the Community event Friday, Feb. 8. And, delicious it is! **Andover Inn** is among the caterers serving up desserts. Attendees are encouraged to dress in a uniform of someone they admire or aspire to be because a uniform

exhibit is currently running. However, if you don't like to dance in a uniform, then wear something else. You can come as you are. Tickets are \$30. Call 978-441-0400, Ext. 261 for tickets.

Chocolate-loving couples can stroll downtown Salem (Mass.) on Feb. 8 and 9 as that city's winter festival has a chocolate twist. The delicious dark stuff will be featured prominently on many restaurant menus. Who wouldn't love to warm up with a chocolate martini? Call the Main Street Initiative at 978-741-8100 for directions.

You get a free tux rental with the \$45 ticket (per person) to one of The Heart's Desire Balls hosted by those popular men in black – Mr. Tux. The galas happen on Thursday, Feb. 14, from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at various loca-

tions, and your ticket money goes to five different charities. The Danversport Yacht Club in Danvers and the Granite Rose in Hampstead, N.H. are the closest venues. Call 800-668-5252 for tickets.



PHOTO BY LISA POOLE / THE EAGLE TRIBUNE
From left, Keith and Trish Pierson, of North Andover, and Nelson Scarborough, of Andover (right), at last Saturday's wine testing event sponsored by the Newcomers Club of Andover and North Andover.

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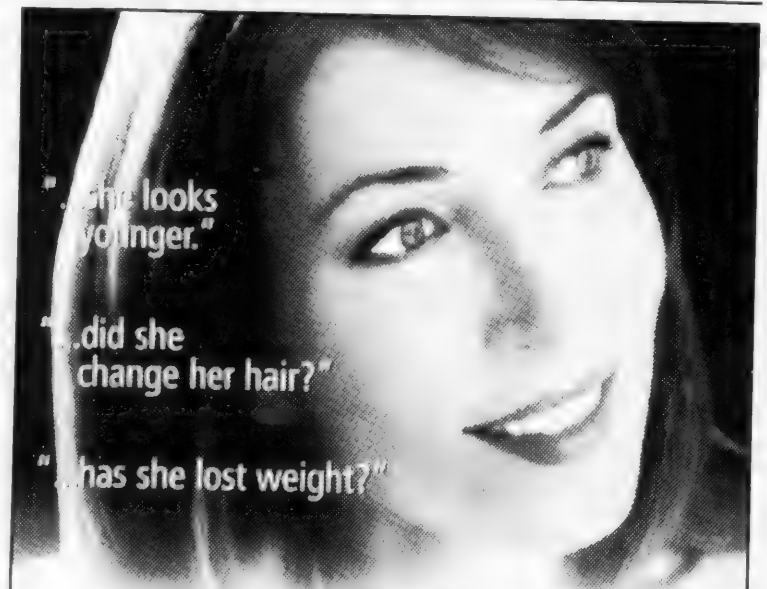
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Arts & Entertainment



Top of the Heap - (Starting from top going clockwise) Chris Krey, Brock Bouchard, Roger Cohen and Dave Wholey say they play for their loyal subjects.

Ruling the roost

Members of the local band Crown say they're building their kingdom

By Rebecca Piro

Their appearance is less than regal - they walk around in sneakers and baseball caps, untucked shirts and bandanas - but the members of musical band Crown say their sound rules.

"It will have metal in it, some classical, some rock and some pop," says Chris Krey, lead singer. "We do it all in one song."

Krey, 19, of Rattlesnake Hill Road, founded the band two years ago with three local friends. Since then, he says, the lineup has changed slightly, but the sound has gotten better and their following of subjects has grown. Crown played an all-ages show last Friday night at Sad Cafe in Plaistow, N.H. It's played in Haverhill and last year at Andover High School's talent show.

"The songs are long, but they have different chord formations to keep the audience interested," says Krey.

"It's a little bit all over the place," adds member Dave Wholey.

Fellow band members Roger Cohen, 20, of Vine Street; Brock Bouchard, 19, of Penobscot Way; and Wholey, 19, of Lincoln Circle all grew up in town and graduated from Andover High School.

The songs are written mostly by Krey - "it's basically my life story," he says - and some have a religious tone. Even the band's name has divine origins, though Krey says, "We're not a religious band."

The idea for the band's name,

however, did come while Krey was sitting in a pew. "I was sitting in church singing a hymn. The word 'crown' was in it six times," he says.

The other members acknowledge religion as one of their sources of inspiration.

"There's some religious elements," Cohen says.

"There's talk of God being there and not being there," says Krey. "There's talk of losing friends that are really close. And dreams."

All four band members returned to college this week, but hope to keep in touch throughout the semester and wrap up their second attempt at an album by mid-summer.

"Expect the unexpected," says Bouchard.

Fans listening to any Crown album can expect to lose out on one experience they always get at Crown's live shows, however. Members joke about the "inadvertent" facial expressions Bouchard makes that catch the crowd's eye, Bouchard laughs.

"I'm concentrating, my lip will move and my face will go with it," he says.

Crown performs some cover music from Pearl Jam, Def Leppard, Weezer and Incubus. But it's the original tunes that Krey, who also plays piano, guitar and bass, enjoys working with the most. "I love to create my own things," he says. "I hated the idea of seeing a sheet of music and playing other people's music."

Addison Gallery opens doors to four exhibits

The Addison Gallery welcomes the public to four exhibits scheduled for the winter months.

Eye of the World: Miniature and Microcosm in the Art of the Self-Taught

This exhibition will run from Jan. 26 through March 31. The exhibit brings together the work of 11 artists who explore images of alternate worlds.

Some self-taught artists use small scale models to honor the important events or institutions in their lives, while others speculate about unseen realms, using the microcosm to reveal their visions of promised lands. In both the miniatures and the microcosms, revelations of powerful religious beliefs or intricate philosophical systems form an eye on the world: past, present, and still to come.

Artists include: Howard Finster, John Gavrelos, Oscar Hedwiger, Joe Minter, Sister Gertrude Morgan, Lesley J. Payne, A.G. Rizzoli, Prophet Royal Robertson, and James P. Scott. Guest curator John Beardsley is a senior lecturer on landscape history at Harvard University's Graduate School of Design and author and curator of numerous projects focused on environmental art and self-taught artists. An illustrated brochure will accompany this exhibition.

Resemblance: Photographs by Anna Gaskell

As the Addison Gallery's Elson artist-in-residence last spring, artist Anna Gaskell created a series of photographs that are part of a new body of work titled *Resemblance*, which is on display through April 21. Visiting literary sources such as Villiers de l'Isle Adam's "Tomorrow's Eve" and E.T.A. Hoffmann's "The Sandman," the series explores the possibility of creating one's history. Phillips Academy female students, dressed in white lab coats, are cast as young technicians who share the obsession to create an ideal person. In contrast to the stories told by Hoffmann and l'Isle-Adam, the goal of Gaskell's technicians is to use their hands to build the very person that made them. *Resemblance* offers glimpses of an attempt to construct a maker, an antecedent, and therefore a past. The more ideal the creation of their creator, the closer to perfection they become. In addition to the photographs created at Andover,

the exhibition will present a selection of drawings made while developing ideas for this project. An artist's book will accompany the exhibition.

Maurice Prendergast: Learning to Look

This exhibition, running from Jan. 19 through April 14, features more than 60 paintings and watercolors by American impressionist Maurice

Prendergast (1848-1924). Prendergast's art has become an important feature in the collections of a number of teaching museums across the country through the efforts of his brother and sister-in-law, Charles and Eugénie Prendergast. The Addison Gallery of American Art and the Williams College Museum of Art have co-organized the exhibition, drawing on their own resources and those of other academic museums to explore the many ways Prendergast's art may be



Untitled #74
Anna Gaskell

used in learning to look.

The four sections of the exhibition address primary approaches used in teaching art: the study of the technique, style, cultural history and symbolic interpretation. Labels written by educators from Williams College and Phillips Academy demonstrate how artworks can be used to learn across academic disciplines.

Defying Distinction: Works from the Addison Collection

What defines a work of art as a drawing, a painting, a photograph, or a sculpture? Is a painted object placed on the floor instead of the wall a sculpture or a painting? Because of their unusual materials or unexpected placement, the works presented in *Defying Distinction*, open through April 14, deny immediate categorization and force an appreciation of their unique physical presence.

Works by Joseph Cornell, Louise Nevelson, John Chamberlain, Dorothea Rockburne

and Martin Puryear, among others, reveal that artists have been blurring the distinctions between traditional media for generations. Through provocative juxtapositions of works from the past half-century, this exhibition challenges our assumptions and encourages a more creative approach to understanding what a drawing, painting, photograph or sculpture is, and can be.



Float at Low Tide, Revere Beach
Maurice Prendergast

UPCOMING EVENTS

Classical Singers plan schools collaboration

New England Classical Singers will present "A High School Festival Showcase" on Sunday, Feb. 3, at 3 p.m. at the Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College, North Andover.

The New England Classical Singers will perform *Five Flower Songs* by English composer Benjamin Britten.

NECS will be joined by high-school choruses from Andover, Lawrence, and Lynnfield.

Andover High Jazz Choir will perform more recent music such as *Love is Here to Stay*, *Chili Con Carne*, *Turn the World Around* and rock group U2's *MLK*.

Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors, \$5 for students and are available at Andover Bookstore, the Rogers Center box office, or by contacting NECS at 978-474-6100, or www.newenglandclassical.org.

Hot jazz at the library

Dick Kaplan's Excellent Jazz Troubadours will perform at Memorial Hall Library on Sunday, Feb. 3 at 2:30 p.m. Admission is free.

Dick Kaplan and the Excellent Jazz Band, featuring Johnny "Mr. Sax" Battis and national Gene Krupa percussion award-winner Steve Taddeo, is described as "the happy, foot-tapping sound of banjo, tuba



Dick Kaplan's Excellent Jazz Troubadours will perform in a free concert at Memorial Hall Library on Sunday, Feb. 3.

and tailgate trombone, clarinet, trumpet, piano and percussion."

They will be performing the sounds of Music Americana: *Bill Bailey*, *Dixie*, *Battle Hymn of the Republic*, *The Saints*, and more.

Featured are the great swing favorites and traditional, patriotic songs such as *Yankee Doodle Dandy*, *You're a Grand Old Flag* and *God Bless America*.

For more information, call Norma A. Gammon, community service coordinator, at 978-623-8401.

Phillips Academy celebrates Mozart's 246th birthday

The Phillips Academy Music Department will sponsor three concerts in celebration of Mozart's 246th birthday.

A Faculty Chamber Music Concert will take place Friday, Jan. 25 at 7:30 p.m. in the Timken Room at Graves Hall. The concert features chamber music of Mozart, Haydn and Beethoven. Charlyn Bethell, oboe, will

perform the *Boismortier Trio Sonata*. Roksana Sudol, violin, William Thomas, cello, and Andrew Goodrich, piano, will perform Beethoven's *Piano Trio in E flat Major*. The concert is free and open to the public.

The Academy Chamber Music Society will perform on Saturday, Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Timken Room at Graves Hall. Co-presidents are Michael Jaffe, Jan Hsi-Lui, and Tisse Takagi with William Thomas as faculty adviser. The concert features chamber music of C.P.E. Bach, Telemann, Tedesco, J.S. Bach, Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. The concert is free and open to the public.

A Faculty Concerto Concert will take place Sunday, Jan. 27 at 3 p.m. in the Cochran Chapel. Works featured on the program are *Mozart Piano Concerto No. 1*, performed by Christopher Walter. Hilary Cumming, violin, and Holly Barnes, viola will perform the *Mozart Sinfonia Concertante*. Carolyn Skelton, harpsichord, Roksana Sudol, violin, and Peggy Friedland, flute will perform the *Bach Brandenburg Concerto No. 5*. This concert is given in support of the ongoing work at the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology. Suggested donation is \$5; students with school ID are admitted free.

Graves Hall and Cochran Chapel are on the Phillips Academy campus, 180 Main St. They are both handicapped accessible.

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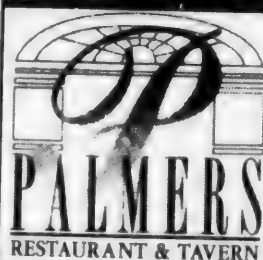
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EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, Jan. 24

Artists reception for five Boston artists who are members of the Blacksmith House Printmakers exhibiting in Take 5, works that explore water-based, non-toxic printmaking techniques, exhibiting in McQuade Gallery at Merrimack College (in the McQuade Library), artists in the exhibit are: Laurinda Bedingfield, Paula Grisdal, Charles Stillman, Emily Trespas (of Andover), and Jackie Wise; 6-8 p.m., McQuade Library, Merrimack College; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Live music, 8:30 p.m., Tony Gallo Band, Red Rock Bistro/Bar, Swampscott;

<tonygallomusicco@mediaone.net>

Annie Get Your Gun, \$24.50-\$44, 8 p.m., Lowell Memorial Auditorium, 50 E. Merrimack St., Lowell; 617-931-2000, <www.ticketmaster.com>

Friday, Jan. 25

Winter book sale, sponsored by Friends of Memorial Hall Library, 9:530 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; 978

Faculty chamber music, celebrating Mozart's 246th birthday, 7:30 p.m., Timken Room, Graves Hall, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4263.

Live comedy, Rocco & Rosie's wed-

ding, Joe Bolster, Ace Aceto, Quinn Collins, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Robbie Printz, Ira Proctor, Jan Davidson, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Saturday, Jan. 26

Christ Church Epiphany Art Show, includes paintings, drawings, sculpture, wood carving, pottery, photographs, calligraphy, poetry and music 11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Shane Crab-

tree 978-475-4419.

Academy Chamber Music Society concert, celebrating Mozart's 246th birthday, 7 p.m., Timken Room, Graves Hall, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4263.

Benefit auction, for Sisterhood of Temple Emanuel, \$15, 7 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; 978-975-7880; 978-686-3456.

Contra dance, for ages 6 and up, sponsored by Ivy Chord Coffee House, \$5, \$15 per family, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn St., Reading; 781-944-0494.

Bean supper, \$5, \$2 children, 4-6:30

p.m., Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 321 So. Broadway, Lawrence.

Scottish Celebration, Valley Players, \$25, 7 p.m., Amesbury Playhouse, 194 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-9444.

Live cabaret, with Gail Nelson in *It's All About Time*, \$32, 8 p.m., Stoneham Theatre, 395 Main St., Stoneham; 781-279-2200.

Live comedy, Joe Bolster, Ace Aceto, Quinn Collins, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

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Winter book sale, 9-5 p.m., see Jan. 25 entry.

Sunday, Jan. 27

Faculty Concerto concert celebrating Mozart's 246th birthday, \$5 suggested donation supports the ongoing work of the Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, 3 p.m., Cochran Chapel, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4263.

Poet, Artist Collaboration celebration (rescheduled from an earlier postponement), featuring readings, free, 2-4 p.m. is the opening reception, Whistler House Museum of Art, featuring Mark Schorr, Carol Boileau and Karen Herman, all of Andover; 978-452-7641 (snow date is Jan. 30).

Live jazz, 5-9 p.m., Ipswich Bay Bar and Grill, 24-26 Hammatt St., Ipswich; 978-356-7006, reservations recommended.

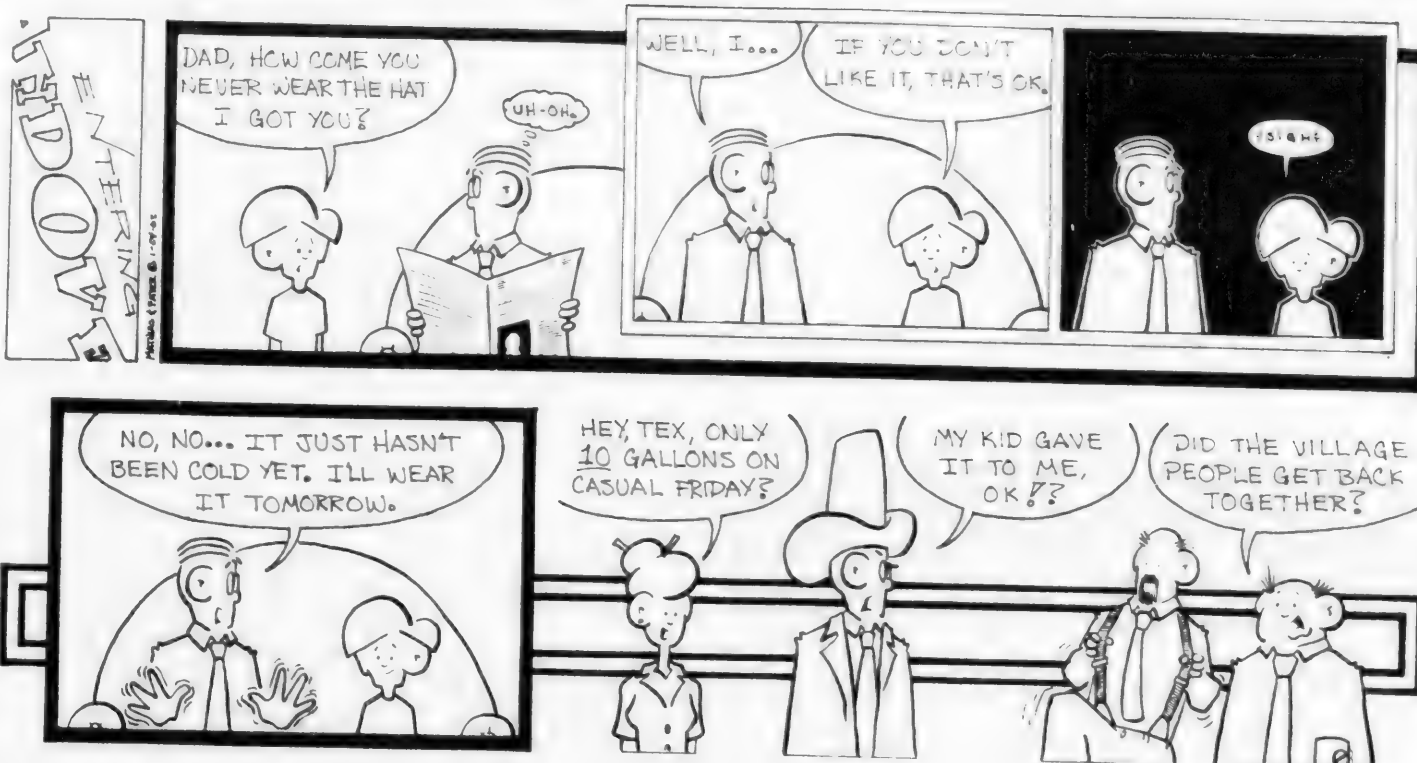
Walkathon, benefits homeless veterans, 9 a.m., meet at Arsenal Mall, 495 Arsenal St., Watertown; 617-926-1223.

Chamber music concert, \$12, 4 p.m., St. John's Episcopal Church, 705 Hale St., Beverly Farms; 978-921-7131.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

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11:30 a.m.-5 p.m., reception to honor the artists will be held from 3-5 p.m. in the parish hall of Christ Church, 30 Central St.; see Jan. 26 entry.

Winter book sale, 1-4:30 p.m., see Jan. 25 entry.

Monday, Jan. 28

Andover Choral Society season kick-off, singers welcome to join, 7:20 p.m., Christ Church, Central Street; Cathy Bruton 978-687-8225.

Tuesday, Jan. 29

Live jazz, with The Mike Monaghan

Quartet, \$5, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Casa Vecchia Restaurant, Rte. 97, Salem, N.H.; 603-893-6553.



Robin Hansen

◀ **Exhibit opening**, with artist Robin Hansen of Phillips Academy, who illustrated *Bringing Children's Stories to Life*, the latest artist featured in the Society's ongoing Contemporary Andover Artists Series; Hansen's

whimsical, imaginary illustrations and historical drawings will be on exhibit in the reception area through mid-March; \$10 non-members, \$5 members, Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.; 978-475-2236.

Gotta Dance opens, a cabaret show to benefit Winchester Hospital, show



Tom Hayden

times vary, Winchester Town Hall, 71 Mt. Vernon St., Winchester; 781-729-5307.

◀ **Author, activist Tom Hayden** lectures, noon, Northern Essex Community College, Haverhill; 978-556-3862.

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Auditions, New England Classical Singers, call for appointment; 978-470-6090, <www.newenglandclassical.org>.

Merrimack Valley Camera Club meeting, with Karl Schanz's slide show on Alaska's wilderness, 7:15 p.m., Trinitarian Congregational



On Saturday, Feb. 2, Chicago City Limits will bring their own brand of improvisational theater to the Rogers Center for the Arts. Call 978-837-5355.

Church, Elm Street, North Andover; 978-689-9643.

New War on Terrorism: A Faculty Forum, 12:15 to 2 p.m., Northern Essex Community College, Bentley Library, Haverhill; 978-556-3862.

Psychology of religion discussion, with Dr. Robert R. Broussard, 7-9 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church.

190 Academy Road, North Andover; 978-681-5083.

Gotta Dance, see Jan. 29 entry.

Thursday, Jan. 31

Gotta Dance, see Jan. 29 entry.

Friday, Feb. 1

Live comedy, Tom Cotter, Spike Tobin, PJ Walsh, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Dick Doherty, Greg Rodrigues, Marion Canterbury, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the

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Row As One Institute's mission is to develop an empowering and safe learning environment for women and girls of all cultures, backgrounds and ability through recreational and competitive rowing.

Tepperman/Ray Associates is a marketing communications firm at 6 Windsor St. in Andover, providing strategy, planning and creative services for companies.

Realtor Magazine: Montalto 9th in US

Realtor Magazine's first-ever ranking of the top 100 sales people in the United States has named Lillian Montalto of Lillian Montalto Signature Properties, ninth in the nation for total sales volume. Montalto is the only representative from Massachusetts on the list.

Montalto, formerly with ReMax, and consistently one of the top 10 producing sales agents internationally, started her own company, Lillian Montalto Signature Properties in 2000. "My mission, and that of my team," says Lillian, "is to consistently and passionately provide business excellence and 5-star service with a smile, in a unique environment, resulting in raving fans who can expect the extraordinary."

For additional information, visit <www.andover-homes.com>, or e-mail Montalto at <lillian@andover-homes.com>.

Interate: Kochakian a Top Producer

Jim Kochakian, a vice president for Interate Mortgage Corp. in Methuen, earned the company's Top Producer Award for 2001. The award is given annually to the loan officer with the highest loan production. Kochakian has 14 years experience in the mortgage industry and has been with Interate for the last 11 years. He has won the top producer award every year since joining the company in 1991. Kochakian has closed more than \$500 million in mortgage loans during his career and has helped thousands of people in and around the Merrimack Valley achieve the dream of home ownership, he said.

Kochakian is a 1984 graduate of Andover High School and holds a bachelor's degree in finance from Bentley College.



Postal contest winner - Susan Morall (left), a sales and service associate at Andover Post Office, received a certificate of appreciation from Margaret C. Dimock, officer-in-charge of the facility, for winning a Middlesex-Central District-wide Christmas sales promotion contest.

Andover Bank is just a memory now

Saturday marked completion of the Andover Bank-Banknorth merger

By Rebecca Piro

THE SIGNS WEREN'T THE ONLY changes at Banknorth last weekend.

From the screens on the ATM



Time for a change - Banknorth's name on the landmark clock...

Trombley, executive vice president of retail banking.

"We think overall it went very well, in the context that it is a complicated

process," he says. "The tellers are in a learning curve and getting comfortable with the new process. The customers are learning about the products."



...And the plaque for Andover Savings Bank is now removed.

Saturday, Jan. 19 marked the completion of the Andover Bank-Banknorth merger. The \$18-billion company announced its acquisition of Andover Bank in June, but it wasn't until last weekend that the final arrangements were made, and all traces of Andover Bank erased.

Customers reported long lines and some complications inside the bank



PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

Shawn and Kristin Poole wait patiently for their dad, Dana Poole, who waited in line for half an hour Saturday to cash a check at Banknorth. Bank executives are meeting to work out conversion problems.

and out. Some people received too many debit cards in the mail - some without an accompanying pin number in a separate envelope - and others had troubles with ATMs.

Some complications are to be expected in "a major change of that magnitude with that many customers," Trombley says, adding that Banknorth employees are working around the clock to fix the glitches.

Customers weren't the only tired ones Saturday. Banknorth employees worked "until the wee hours of the morning" from Friday evening until Saturday working on the conversion, and then headed back to meet the

morning crowds at 7 a.m., says Trombley.

He and other executives are holding daily "conversion meetings" to iron out the wrinkles. "We assess how things went, anything new we learned, the technology and the branch operations," he says. "It's the only way you can really stay on top of it."

Not everyone experienced troubles over the weekend.

"I've had no problem," says resident Lisa Bertrand. She was pleased to find familiar faces behind the tellers' counter. She calls Banknorth's takeover smooth, compared to the Fleet-to-Sovereign Bank merger two years ago. "That was disastrous," she says.

Banknorth executives have resolved to maintain the community aspect of Andover Bank. That won't save about 100 jobs the company planned to cut this month, nor prevent some new or increased fees on different accounts. However, Banknorth will now offer new services like annuities and mutual funds. On Tuesday, Banknorth Group announced record operating and net income for 2001 and a quarterly dividend of 13.5 cents per share based on earnings for the fourth quarter ended Dec. 31. The dividend will be paid on Feb. 14 to shareholders of record on Feb. 4.



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Professional Profile



Teresa J. Burtoft, D.P.M.
Foot Health Center of Merrimack Valley, P.C.

Teresa J. Burtoft, D.P.M. has just finished her first year in practice at Chestnut Green in North Andover, where she specializes in podiatric medicine, reconstructive surgery, and sports medicine. She wishes to convey her appreciation to the community for their support during the year. "Everyone, especially physicians, other medical providers, and my patients, have been very supportive. Our focus has been to update equipment and customer service while maintaining our high standards of care. One of our priorities is to provide convenient office hours and timely appointments. We are usually able to get people in within a couple of days."

Dr. Burtoft continues, "One of our latest acquisitions is a Gait Analysis Machine, which utilizes pressure plates to examine an individual's manner of

walking. We find this is an especially good diagnostic tool for athletes. As an avid runner and golfer, I understand the desire of athletes to avoid down time. To best serve the unique needs of this group, we will soon be offering a Running Center one night a week in cooperation with the North Andover Physical Therapy Group. With the assistance of a physical therapist and the Gait Analysis Machine, I will devote this time to working with athletes to diagnose and treat foot problems, which may also be the cause of knee, hip, and back pain."

Whatever condition Dr. Burtoft treats, her approach always includes educating her patient in the nature of the condition, care of the feet, and treatment options. Conservative measures, such as good supportive shoe gear with an orthotic device, can solve

many problems, and Dr. Burtoft recommends surgery only when such options have been exhausted. She counsels that early intervention can head off later problems and are especially crucial for high risk patients, such as diabetics.

Dr. Burtoft studied podiatry at the University of Osteopathic Medicine and Health Sciences in Des Moines, Iowa, and then completed a two-year surgical residency at Cambridge Hospital in Massachusetts. Her work there encompassed a wide range of experience in many fields of medicine as they relate to the foot. Subsequently, she practiced as an associate in Concord, MA and Westford, MA.

Dr. Burtoft's office is located at 575 Turnpike St. (Rte. 114), Chestnut Green Suite 21, North Andover. Call (978) 686-7623 for an appointment.
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Sports

AHS Roundup

Girls winter teams rule, with 33-3 record so far

By Rick Harrison

Stephanie Sweeney, Sherri Conrad, Jessica Moody and Keriann Bartley swept the top four places as the Andover High girls alpine ski team remained undefeated with a convincing 93-43 North Shore League win over archrival Masconomet Regional of Topsfield recently at the Bradford Hill Ski Area.

The victory was among the latest for AHS girls varsity sports teams, all of whom are in the midst of outstanding winter seasons.

Girls ski is atop the NSL standings with a perfect 5-0 record, while girls gymnastics is unbeaten at 3-0, girls basketball is cruising along at 10-1, girls hockey is 8-1 and girls track 7-1.

That leaves the Female Fab Five at Andover High with a spectacular 33-3 overall record this season.

Girls hoop qualified for the Division 1 North Tournament Tuesday night with a win over Chelmsford, while the basketball and gymnastics teams are also first in the Merrimack Valley Conference standings.

On the boys side, the ice hockey and basketball teams are first in the conference standings and the six AHS boys teams have a won-lost-tied record of 28-18-2.

INDOOR TRACK

It's getting to be a habit absolutely no one is complaining about.

For the third straight week, the Andover High girls and boys indoor track teams swept their opponents.

This time Billerica was the unlucky victim, as the AHS girls rolled to a 61-25 triumph while the boys also dominated by a 58-28 count.

The sweep left the AHS girls at 5-1 overall, with five straight wins, while the boys are 4-2 and have won three in a row.

The AHS girls also made a strong showing in the annual State Class A Relays at the Reggie Lewis Center in Roxbury, finished just one point behind team champ Cambridge.

The Lady Falcons chalked up 33 points and Andover had 32.

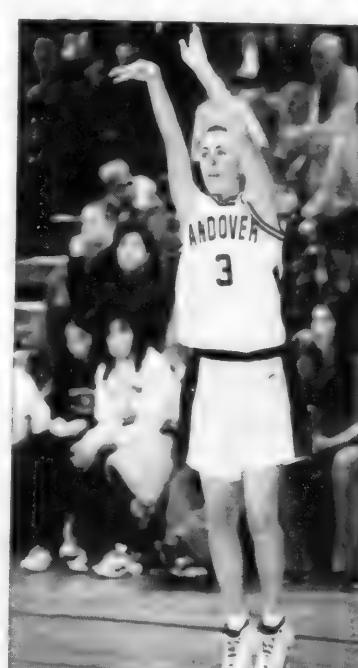
Schedule

Yesterday afternoon, after *Townsmen* presstime, the Andover boys opposed Dracut while the girls ran against both Dracut and MVC Division 2 leader Notre Dame Academy (4-3, 4-0 league) in a tri-meet at the AHS Field House.

Saturday the Golden Warriors travel a short distance to battle intra-town prep school rival Phillips Academy, and next Wednesday it's back to the MVC dual-meet wars when Central Catholic invades the AHS Field House.

State Class A Relays

After winning the Class B Relays last winter, Andover got booted up to



Powering the Andover High girls varsity basketball team, which once again qualified for the Division 1 North Tournament, are (from left) Shannon Sweeney, Ashley McLaughlin, Merry Fish, and Jenny Muller.

Class A and made the transition very smoothly.

Leading the way for the local girls were the 4x50 sprint relay and 4-50 sprint hurdles relay with Class A first-place finishes.

Katie Gustin, Lauren Doxsey, Charlene Fielding and Jenny Delesk won the 4x50 dash in 25.05 seconds, while the victorious hurdles quartet consisted of Gustin, Caitlin Murphy, Patricia Wong and Chrissy Vanderheiden (30.50).

A second AHS hurdles team of Reena Patel, Meghan Keefe, Monica Ortiz and Kelly Morrissey finished sixth (32.78).

Lady Warriors' high jumpers Natasha Camilo, Becca Fink and Melissa Parry placed second with a combined total height of 14' 1/2."

The sprint medley foursome of Leslie Willey, Carolyn Berberian, Camilo and Stephanie Casper placed fifth in 4:31.6.

Completing the scoring in sixth was the long jump trio of Berberian, Casper and Gustin with a distance of 44'8."

Andover girls 61 Billerica 25

The locals placed first in six events and broke the meet open by scoring 31 of a possible 36 points with numerous second and third place finishes.

Andover swept the mile, two-mile and shot put.

Top three in the mile were junior Lauren Woo (6:19.3), junior Julia Kwolyk (6:25.2) and freshman Melissa Foley (6:29.4).

The deuce saw winner Cory Hanson break 13 minutes for the first time, crossing in 12:56, while Bristol Konjoian was runner-up in 13:36.4 and sophomore Jazzy Dingler third in 13:43.7.

Capt. Betsy Miller uncorked a

29'10 1/4" toss to place first in the shot, while freshman Kendall Toland threw 26'11 1/2" and junior Erica Durie 25'7 1/4."

Other victors were freshman Jenny Delesk with a personal-best 6.3 clocking in the 50 dash, Laura Denison (300 dash, 43.5) and Stephanie Casper (600 run, 1:37.4).

Capt. Katie Gustin ran a personal-best 7.3 in the 50 hurdles and was a controversial runner-up to Billerica double-event winner Emily Thomson (7.2).

"We have a photograph of the finish that clearly shows Katie winning the race," said AHS head coach Art Iworsley. "But the officials saw it the other way. Since the meet wasn't close — and they were down a couple of officials — we didn't make a big deal about it."

Other runners-up were Charlene Fielding (50 dash, 6.8), Carolyn Berberian (300 dash, 42.9), Leslie Willey (1000 run, 3:07.9) and Capt. Natasha Camilo who tied her personal best by clearing five feet in the high jump.

Adding thirds were hurdler Caitlin Murphy (8.0), freshman Emily Korba (600 run, 1:45.9), Capt. Lindsay Durkin (1000 run, 3:13.6) and high jumper Melissa Parry (4'8").

Andover boys 58 Billerica 28

The Golden Warriors placed first in six of 10 events, sweeping the 50 dash and finishing 1-2 in the hurdles, 300, 1000 and mile.

For the third time this season, Chris Callison equaled the school and Merrimack Valley Conference record in the 50 dash with a 5.5.

Capt. Jason Crabb scored eight points with a first place in the high jump (5'7") and second to Callison in the 50 dash (5.8).

Other AHS winners were sophomore hurdler Vincent Errico with a personal-best 7.1 clocking, A.J. Sisodia who matched his personal-best in the 300 dash (34.9), sophomore Jeff Sawyer (1000 run, 2:39.2) and sophomore miler Ryan Durkin (4:51.9).

Other runners-up were hurdler Tyler Hopkins (7.5), sophomore Anthony Perry with a personal-best 36.4 in the 300, Matt Nitzberg (600 run, 1:26.6), Tim Dugan (1000 run, personal-best 2:42.3), miler Sam Nigh (5:05.1), two-miler Phil Shaw (10:24.7) and shot putter Brian Durie (personal-best 44'1 1/4").

Shaw almost caught Billerica distance standout Ryan Gough (10:21) in the deuce, and his time equaled his best since a leg injury suffered last fall. Shaw's best indoor two-mile time was 10:16 last year before the injury.

Adding thirds were Allen Clark, who completed the sweep of the dash (5.9), freshman Matt Malloy (600 run, 1:27.5), freshman two-miler Jimmy Muller (11:11.9) and high jumper Hugh Zhang (5'5").

Capt. Bruce Brown, undefeated in the 300 dash this winter, sat out this meet to rest an aching hamstring.

Auerbach Frosh/Soph Meet

Andover had several strong individual performances in the annual Auerbach Freshman/Sophomore Meet at the Reggie Lewis Track Center.

On the girls side, Jenny Delesk was second in the 55-meter dash in 7.83 and Leslie Willey sixth in the 1000 meters (3:20.8).

For the boys, hurdler Vincent Errico placed third in the 55-meter highs (8.74) and Ryan Durkin was sixth in the mile (4:48.1).

GIRLS BASKETBALL

Jenny Muller and Ashley McLaughlin continued to sting the opposition, combining for 38 points as the Andover High girls varsity hoop team once again qualified for the Division 1 North Tournament with a 57-33 triumph over visiting Chelmsford Tuesday night at the Dunn Gym.

That victory, along with a 59-32 conquest of Haverhill, boosted the locals to 10-1 overall including a perfect 8-0 in Merrimack Valley Conference Division 1 play.

The Lady Warriors have qualified for the tourney seven straight years under current head coach Jim Tildsley, and this is the 19th time in the past 22 years the AHS girls have earned a berth in post-season play.

Schedule

AHS hosts Methuen tomorrow night at the Dunn Gym (7:30 p.m.) and the rematch with Walpole, which handed AHS its only loss (55-46), is this Sunday afternoon at Walpole High (1:30 p.m.).

Leading scorers

Jenny Muller leads the team after 11 games with 171 points (15.6 average), while Ashley McLaughlin has 156 and Megan Pinksten 112.

Muller now has 856 career points as she closes in on 1,000 for her career.

Andover 57 Chelmsford 33

Although the Lions (5-5 overall) had lost only once in previous MVC play (4-1), they were no match for AHS as the home team jumped to a 12-0 lead and stayed ahead by at least

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nine points the rest of the way.

It was 23-12 at the half and the difference grew to as many as 30 points in the second half.

"We played well defensively and shot well in the second half," said coach Tildsley. "Chelmsford tried a box-and-1 against Jenny (Muller) but it really wasn't effective."

All Muller did despite the special attention was lead all scorers with 21 points, while also passing out four assists and making three steals.

Ashley McLaughlin had another virtuoso performance with 17 points, nine rebounds, six steals and five assists.

Shannon Sweeney finished with eight points, a team-high 10 boards, two assists and two steals.

Kelly McLaughlin tossed in three points while Merry Fish, Katie Kramer, Matia Kostakis and Samantha Hughes netted a field goal each.

Kostakis also had four rebounds, Kramer three steals and Hughes two steals.

Megan Pinksten, in total trouble all night, managed to corral six rebounds.

And yet had one of its best nights from the free line, hitting 11 of 18 chances, 61 percent.

Kara Turco and freshman Jen O'Rourke paced Chelmsford with 10 and nine points respectively.

Andover 59
Haverhill 32

The Golden Warriors marched to the victory in the final game of the season, a 59-32 triumph over the Haves. The Warriors' defense was the key to their success, limiting Haverhill to 32 points. The Warriors' offense was led by Jack Barrett, who scored 23 points, and Tyler Richards, who scored 21 points.

"We controlled the game from the start," said coach Tildsley. "We shot well and moved the ball well."

The bench got a lot of playing time and we continue to get better and better as the season moves along."

Jenny Muller was again brilliant with 21 points, eight assists and a blocked shot.

Megan Pinksten also reached double figures, finishing 12 points to go with nine boards, 3 steals and a block.

Merry Fish was the third player in twin digits with 10 points, while Ashley McLaughlin contributed nine points, four rebounds and a single-game season-high five blocks.

Katie Kramer, Matia Kostakis and Shannon Sweeney chipped in a basket each, while Samantha Hughes converted a free throw.

Kramer added a career-best nine assists and two steals, Kostakis had five boards, Sweeney six rebounds, Hughes four rebounds, two steals and Kelly McLaughlin five rebounds and a block.

Haverhill, a perennial state power until a recent down cycle, did not have a player in double figures.

BOYS BASKETBALL

The Andover High boys varsity basketball team remained undefeated in Merrimack Valley Conference play, and closed within two victories of a 13th consecutive Division 1 North Tournament berth under head coach Dave Fazio, with an impressive 62-50 win over highly-regarded Haverhill and an 80-68 gallop past host Chelmsford on Tuesday night.

Sandwiched in between was a jarring 78-54 non-league loss to Eastern Mass. Division 1 top 10 power Newton North (9-2).

"I think all our losses have been to teams ranked in the Eastern Mass. poll," said coach Fazio. "We have to find a way to beat those teams."

"Over the last 13 years we've won at least 80 percent of our games against teams we're supposed to beat. But if we want another MVC title we also have to stick it to Central at least once."

"And if we want to go far in the (MIAA) Tournament we need to find a way to beat the teams like Newton North, St. John's Prep and Brockton."

The recent results left Andover at 8-5 overall, 8-3 in the eyes of MIAA Tournament officials and 6-0 in MVC play.

The victory over Chelmsford was also the 196th of coach Fazio's AHS career as he closes in on milestone win No. 200.

Scoring leaders

Chris Vetrano has 331 points through 13 games (25.7 average), while Jack Barrett boasts 157, brother Kevin Barrett 127 and Pat Stockwood 80.

Vetrano already has 746 career points after little more than a season and a half.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors travel to Methuen tomorrow night, and journey to Malden Catholic for a non-leaguer next Wednesday (both 7:30 p.m.).

Andover 80
Chelmsford 68

Chris Vetrano and Jack Barrett shared game-high scoring honors with 23 points each, and the Golden Warriors exploded for a season-best 51 points in the first half.

"We were phenomenal on offense in the opening half," said coach Fazio. "It's been awhile since we scored 50 points that quickly."

"We lit it up from the floor by hitting 21-of-30 shots. We really had it going."

"But we also gave up 33 points in the half and 68 for the game — which is way too many. We still want to stress winning with defense — because we can't shoot like that every night," said Fazio.

Trailing by 18 at the half, the pesky Lions made a nice run in the second half and trimmed the lead to just seven points.

"Then we made a few defensive stops and found a little more breathing room," said Fazio.

Kevin Barrett and Pat Stockwood netted 16 and 12 points respectively, while Brendan Smith added four and Anthony Silva two for the winners.

Vetrano passed out eight assists and Smith was strong off the boards.

Pat Maguire led Chelmsford with 18 points.

Andover 62
Haverhill 50

Trailing by as many as 13 points early and by six points at the half (33-27), the Golden Warriors traded seven-point runs with Haverhill early

in the second half and then outscored the Hilles 28-10 the rest of the way.

The spectacular second-half defensive effort, limiting potent Haverhill to 17 points in 16 minutes, made it three straight games Andover held the opponent to 55 points or less (a streak snapped by Newton North).

"This was our best game of the year so far," said coach Fazio. "We put our defensive philosophy to good use in the second half."

"We alternated a tight man-to-man and zone that forced Haverhill to shoot from outside, where they hit only two of 21 shots."

"We ran well in the second half and our perimeter guys were excellent."

Chris Vetrano pumped in 12 of his game-high 20 in the final 16 minutes to lead the way, while brothers Jack and Kevin Barrett also provided offensive sparks with 14 and 10 points respectively.

Junior forward Drew Watts continued his strong offensive play with eight points and Pat Stockwood contributed five. Watts was also effective off the boards.

Brendan Smith and Chris Brouillard notched a field goal each, while Tyler Richards tossed in a free throw to complete the scoring.

The locals continued their effective shooting from behind the arc, Vetrano nailing four three-pointers and Jack Barrett draining three.

"All 10 kids contributed once again," noted Fazio.

Haverhill standout Jeff Molesso, battling back from an injury, led the visitors with 15 points.

Newton North 78
Andover 54

"We followed our best game of the year (Haverhill) with our worst," said Fazio, whose club faltered in a rare Sunday night contest at the Dunn Gym.

"For us to win we have to play with an edge and fight hard on every possession. In this game we had no intensity."

"Our highs have been really high and our lows really low this season. We were coming off a high with the win over Haverhill and just fell flat in

this one.

"We stress winning the league so much that we forgot to come out and play in a non-leaguer against a very good opponent," said Fazio.

"But these are the kinds of teams we want to face — because once the tourney comes along you have to be ready for anything and everything."

Chris Vetrano, author of two 40-point efforts this season, topped the 30-point plateau for the fifth time when he poured through a game-high 36 which included five threes.

"Chris play a phenomenal first half on offense with 24 points," said Fazio, whose club trailed 38-31 at the break. "But the rest of the guys were not making shots and the defense just wasn't there."

The next highest scorers after Vetrano were Brendan Smith and Kevin Barrett with four points each.

Chris Brouillard, Pat Stockwood and Drew Watts had a basket each, Anthony Silva two free throws and single foul shots were contributed by Jack Barrett and Tyler Richards.

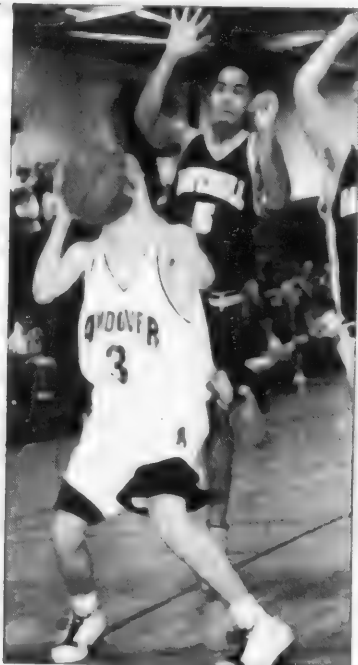
"Chris is having a phenomenal year — but he can't do it all by himself," said Fazio. "He scored a lot of points in this one but we lost. Chris doesn't care about the points. He wants to win — as all the kids do. We just need more balance to beat the good teams."

Coach Dave Fazio of the AHS boys varsity basketball team

announced that Chris Vetrano is this week's recipient of the Baystate Financial Services Player of the Fortnight Award. "Chris is having a terrific season for us," says Coach Fazio. "He's really doing everything well. As a co-captain and one of our leaders, he sets a great example for the team. Chris wants to help carry us to a league championship. We're looking

Coach Dave Fazio and Chris Vetrano

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Bringing it on for the Andover High boys varsity basketball team are (from left) Jack Barrett, Tyler Richards, Chris Vetrano, Kevin Barrett, and Drew Watts.

PHOTOS BY TIM JEAN

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for more great offensive and defensive play from him as the season rolls along."

Next week's Player of the Fort-night award winner will be a player from the girls team.

GIRLS GYMNASTICS

The Andover High girls gymnastics team won for the 82nd time in the last 87 dual meets, rolling to a 139.70 to 131.70 Merrimack Valley Conference victory over Tewksbury in the home opener at the Dunn Gym.

Faced with long gaps between meets this season, the locals also held their third annual Blue-Gold intra-squad competition, which enabled every member of the team to participate and produced some fine performances.

The score against Tewksbury is among the highest in the state this season.

Schedule

Andover hosts Lowell tonight at the Dunn Gym and returns to action next Wednesday night when Methuen comes to town (both 7 p.m. meets).

Anticipated wins in those two duals would set up a first-place title showdown with likewise-undefeated Chelmsford in the conference finale on Feb. 4 at Chelmsford High (7 p.m.).

Andover 139.70
Tewksbury 131.70

The locals were sparked by a very strong showing on the balance beam, where all six competitors completed their routine without a fall or a slip.

The result was a 35.70 score that was the highest in any event for AHS, which also posted a 35.35 in floor exercise, 34.60 on the uneven bars and 34.05 in vault.

"What we accomplished on beam was excellent," said coach Chapman. "It was awesome to have everyone stay up and stick — the definite highlight of the night. Bars also went well and that's encouraging."

For the second straight meet, Capt. Becky Hass and Kristin Elsmore finished a mere .05 apart in the battle for all-around honors.

Hass, whose superb 9.3 score on beam was the high mark of the meet, posted a 35.65 AA total to Elsmore's 35.60.

Hass placed first on beam and was second in floor exercise (8.95), second on bars (8.9) and second in vault (8.5).

Competition champs announced by K of C

Thirteen girls and boys ages 10-14 were named local champions of the 2002 Knights of Columbus Free Throw championship and have earned the right to compete at the district level. The Andover K of C sponsored the local competition on Saturday, Jan. 12. All youngsters ages 10-14 were eligible to participate.

Betsy Sullivan was the 10-year-old girls champion, and Brendan Mahoney was the winner of the 10-year-old boys division. In the 11-year-olds' category was the girls champion Alison Davey, and Ryan Kemp was the boys champion. Twelve-year-old winners in the boys and girls divisions were Alison McCarthy and Greg Cook. The 13-year-old girls division was won by Jen Merinder, and the boys by Jason Zhu. Adam Rousmaniere won the 14-year-old boys division, and Kelsey Farrell won the 14-year-old girls division.

Each of these winners will compete in the district competition next month, with an eye toward moving on to the state championship.



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From left are Kristin Elsmore, Capt. Becky Hass, and Sheri Bernstein — three reasons why the Andover High girls gymnastics team won for the 82nd time in the last 87 dual meets.

Elsmore settled for second place all-around although she did have the top score in three events, a 9.0 on bars, 9.0 in floor and 8.7 in vault. She also posted an 8.9 for third on beam.

Sheri Bernstein was solid in three events, placing third on bars (8.6), tied for third in floor (8.8) and fourth on beam (8.7).

Katie Cail contributed a fourth in vault (8.4), fifth in floor (8.6) and also scored 7.9 on bars.

Libby Fortier was third in vault (8.45), fifth in floor (8.55) and tied for fifth on bars (8.1).

Freshman Meghan Harrington finished fourth on beam (8.8) and recorded an 8.0 in floor.

Also competing on beam for AHS were freshman Annmarie Cashman (8.6) and Capt. Jackie Barry (8.5).

Others in vault were Jenn Nisco (7.9) and Diana Vining (7.0), while freshman Jenn Palermo posted an 8.0 on bars.

Top performers for Tewksbury were Ashley Montague, third all-around with a 34.30, and Courtney Walls who was fourth at 32.80. Montague grabbed a second place on beam (9.0) and scored 8.8 to tie for third in floor.

Gold 151.225
Blue 150.85

Everyone had the chance to participate and all scores counted in the third annual Blue-Gold intra-squad showcase, which the Gold won by a narrow margin.

"We had regular officials scoring the meet — and this was an opportunity for each girl on the team to show some moves. It's a fun night with no pressure," said coach Chapman.

Top scorers by event were the Gold's Becky Hass on the uneven bars (9.05), Gold's Jackie Barry on balance beam (8.6), Gold's Jenn Nisco in vault (8.3) and Blue's Jenn Mason in floor exercise (8.15).

Other Gold scores on bars were 7.75 by Sheri Bernstein, 7.55 by Katie Cail and 7.2 by Jennifer Palermo.

Competing on bars for Blue were Kristin Elsmore with an 8.85, Libby Fortier 8.0 and Annmarie Cashman 7.2.

Backing Jackie Barry on beam for Gold were Meghan Harrington (8.45), Cail (7.7), Laura Lamontagne (7.2), Andrea Krivelow (6.9) and Heather Barry (6.25).

Blue had several solid performances on beam as Fortier and Danielle Lemire both scored 8.25. Cashman 8.2 and Andrea Coiro 8.0. Lauren Reed also posted a 7.725, Brianna Casey 6.35 and Ashley Dias 6.15.

Nisco was the lone vaulter to score in the 8's, as Gold teammates Palermo posted a 7.7, Krivelow a 7.475 and Diana Vining a 7.4.

On the Blue side, Reed was the top vaulter with a 7.925 while Jenn Mason registered a 7.85, Coiro a 7.8 and Aja Nicholson a 7.6.

Floor scores for Gold were an 8.05 by Palermo, 7.95 for Lemire, 7.8 for Barry, 7.05 for Lamontagne and 5.75 for Vining.

In addition to Mason, others contributing for Blue were Reed (7.8), Coiro (7.55), Nicholson (6.95), Casey (6.35) and Rachel Goldman (5.9).

BOYS ICE HOCKEY

Peter Burbank scored a pair of second-period goals that turned out to be the game-winning and insurance tallies, as the Andover High boys hockey team took over first place in Merrimack Valley/Dual County League Division 2 with a 4-2 showdown win over reigning league champ and previous co-leader Boston Latin at the Mer-

rimack Valley Forum.

The impressive victory was a complete turnaround from the previous game, which saw the Golden Warriors whitewashed 8-0 by Division 1 powerhouse Billerica.

Those results left coach Bill Cullen's crew at 5-4-2 overall and 4-0-2 in league play.

Schedule

AHS returned to the ice last night with another MV/DCL crossover against Division 1 Tewksbury.

The locals have a crucial league game at Haverhill on Saturday (3 p.m.), and next Wednesday Andover battles Westford Academy at the Skate 3 Pavilion in Tyngsboro (5:50 p.m.).

Scoring leaders

After 11 games, Peter Burbank tops Andover with seven goals and 11 assists for 18 points.

Top goalscorer Mike Corey has 10 and seven assists, while Joe Nasta has two goals and eight assists, Tim LeGrow four goals, four assists and Steve Johnson three goals, five assists.

Andover 4
Boston Latin 2

The Golden Warriors finally got the better of Latin (5-2-5), which has dominated MV/DCL Division 2 in recent years and had battled to a 3-3 tie with Andover on Dec. 15.

Mike Corey gave the locals an early 1-0 lead with a goal at 3:45 of the first period, assists to George Lewis and Joe Nasta.

Pat Balaconis tied it with a power play goal for the Wolfpack one minute later, before Nasta connected at 11:32 after he and linemates Corey and Peter Burbank worked a beautiful give-and-go play.

Burbank scored twice on the same shift late in the second period, boosting the lead to 4-1 with goals just 49 seconds apart at 9:55 and 10:44.

Senior defenseman Lewis assisted on both scores, the last of which was the Golden Warriors' second short-handed goal of the season.

"Lewis poke-checked the puck

away and led Burbank with a pass," said coach Cullen. "Peter went in on their goalie and buried the shot."

Latin completed the scoring with its second power play goal, this time by Pat Moran, at 8:07 of the third period.

Latin pulled its goalie in the final minute but could not close the deficit.

Andover spent much of the game killing penalties, as the host team was whistled for eight minors while Latin went to the box only once all afternoon.

"We took three consecutive penalties in the third period and were short-handed four straight minutes during one stretch," said coach Cullen.

Sharing the penalty-killing duties successfully were Nasta, Burbank, Corey, Steve Johnson, Dave McGrath and John Limauro.

Limauro returned after missing the previous two games with a separated shoulder.

AHS managed just three shots in the final period and was out-gunned 22-16 in the game. Sophomore Tony Traynor played a strong game in net with 20 saves.

The three assists for Lewis were a single-game career high.

Billerica 8
Andover 0

The Golden Warriors would just as soon forget this one, as MV/DCL Division 1 co-leader Billerica (8-1-1) jumped out to a 4-0 first-period lead and added a pair of goals in each of the final two periods.

The eight goals were the most surrendered by AHS this season, and it also marked the first time the locals had been shut out this winter.

Andover was not shut out last season — and the last shutout loss was Feb. 23, 2000 when Triton Regional blanked the locals 6-0 in the Newburyport Bank Classic.

The last eight-goal loss was Jan. 26, 2000 when Billerica registered a 9-1 win.

Bryan Calabro scored his 12th and 13th goals and added three assists to power the Indians, while Jarrett Scarpaci added two goals and BMHS netminders Ryan McCauley (first period) and Chris Curtis combined for the 13-save shutout.

"There's not a lot of positive things you can take away from a game like this," said coach Cullen. "But in the third period we were able to play a lot of kids who usually don't get as much ice time."

BOYS GYMNASTICS

Strong individual performances by Todd Putnam, Ron Ginsberg and Dave Fielding helped propel the Andover High boys gymnastics team to three competitive season-opening dual-meet showings against Salem, N.H., Burlington and Newton North.

The Golden Warriors launched their 2002 schedule with a 121.20 to 115.40 non-league win over host Salem.

Powerhouse Burlington posted a 154.20 to 118.65 North Shore League triumph over visiting AHS, and NSL rival Newton North slipped past Andover 139.00 to 133.10 in the third straight away meet.

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Schedule

Coach Jack Gleason's squad, 1-2 overall, returns to the apparatus tonight when it hosts Newton South and Lowell in a league tri-meet at the Dunn Gym (7:15 p.m.).

Lowell (3-1) is coached by former AHS head man and current assistant Steve Sirois and ex-AHS standout gymnast Barry Dubois.

Saturday morning the Golden Warriors will compete at the annual Salem, N.H. Invitational (10 a.m.), and next Monday night the Braintree High Wamps come to town (7 p.m.).

Injury report

Juniors Greg Hartwell and Dan Booth were both restricted in the first three meets by pulled muscle injuries.

Neither was able to compete in floor exercise and Booth also had to stay away from vaulting because both events include hard contact with the floor and extensive pressure on the legs.

Andover 121.20
Salem, N.H. 115.40

The locals had a pair of first-place finishes from Rob Ginsberg on pommel horse (5.1) and junior Dave Fielding on the still rings (6.0).

Chalking up seconds were Todd Putnam in floor (7.1) and vault (7.7), junior Justin Ho on pommel horse (4.9), senior veteran Mike Morrissey on high bar (5.2) and Ginsberg on parallel bars (4.2).

Junior Dan Jaffe was third on parallel bars (4.0), and others performing well in floor were freshman Alex Bergenson with a 6.7 in his varsity debut, junior Mike Zammuto, Robert

Perry and Ho.

Ginsberg, competing in five of the six events, finished second in the all-around with a 24.1 point total.

Burlington 154.20
Andover 118.65

The Red Devils, who should be strong contenders for state championship honors this year, swept the top three places in four of the six events.

"We just didn't hit well in this meet," said coach Gleason.

Breaking in with second-place finishes for AHS were Todd Putnam in vault (7.65) and Dave Fielding on rings (6.5).

Leading scorers for Andover in the other events were Alex Bergerson in floor exercise (6.2), sophomore Steve Wong on parallel bars (5.0), Rob Ginsberg on pommel horse (4.4) and Justin Ho on the high bar (4.2).

Ginsberg competed all-around in six events and placed second with a 26.2.

Newton North 139.00
Andover 133.10

The Golden Warriors posted their best score of the young season, led by the first-place routines of Dave Fielding on still rings (personal-best 6.8), Todd Putnam in vault (personal-best 8.1) and Steve Wong on parallel bars (5.6).

Andover finished second in five of the six events. Putnam in floor exercise (personal-best 8.0), Mike Morrissey on rings (personal-best 5.6), Justin Ho on high bar (5.6), Dan Booth on parallel bars (4.8) and Ginsberg on pommel horse (4.8).

Morrissey added a third on high bar (4.6).

Ginsberg competed in all six events and registered a season-high 28.1 all-around score.

"This was by far the best of our first three meets," said Gleason. "We can see the improvement as we go along. Hopefully we'll hit as well in our home meet on Thursday."

ALPINE SKIING

In addition to the girls huge win over Masconomet, the boys improved to 5-2 overall with lopsided wins against Methuen (106.5 to 28.5) and Austin Prep (133-2) as well as an 85-50 loss to North Andover.

Schedule

The girls return to the slopes next Monday for the second go-around with Methuen and North Andover, while the boys are back in action this afternoon versus Haverhill and Bishop Fenwick of Peabody (all meets 3:30 p.m.).

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Andover girls 93
Masconomet 43

The Lady Warriors' tightly-bunched top four finishers were a mere 23/100ths of a second apart on their runs.

Stephanie Sweeney led everyone down the hill in 23.30 seconds, while Sherri Conrad was clocked in 23.43, Jessica Moody 23.48 and Keriann Bartley 23.53.

"Our girls have been waiting for this day a long time," said head coach Tom Busta. "Masco has been the dominant team in the league and we've had a nice little rivalry going with them the past three years."

"After finishing fifth and beating Masco in the State Team Championships last year, our girls have really focused on winning the league title this season."

"This was an exciting win for us," added Busta. "The girls have worked hard to get to this point and now we just need to keep it up."

Altogether Andover skiers grabbed seven of the top eight spots, including Lisa Tylus (6th, 23.61), Brittany Roy (7th, 23.62) and Jennie Williams (8th, 23.70).

Completing the scorers for AHS were Lauren Hayes (14th, 24.72) and Mallory Jaracz (15th, 23.45).

Andover boys sweep

The Golden Warriors snagged eight of the top 10 places against Methuen and all 10 versus Austin Prep in the tri-meet romps over those two opponents.

Placing 1-2-3 against both foes were race winner Ryan Piazza (20.58), runner-up Jim Green (20.84) and Erik Fosse (21.45).

Also top 10 against both were Conor Lynch (21.99), Lake Larson (22.36), Justin Roy (22.47), Nels Nelson (22.58) and Jordan Thibault (22.61).

Other scorers versus both were Nick Stamas (23.00), Andre Perron (23.27) and Ryan Macomber (23.47).

Completing a sweep of the first 14 spots against Austin were Garrison Macomber (13th, 23.52) and Ray Bill (14th, 23.66).

North Andover 85
Andover boys 50

The AHS boys stumbled against a strong Scarlet Knights' squad, as North Andover grabbed six of the top eight places to key the win.

Ryan Piazza again led the locals with a second-place finish in 22.00, while Jim Green was fifth in 22.61.

Also in the top 10 were Erik Fosse (9th, 23.10) and Luke Larson (10th, 23.14).

Rounding out the scorers were Conor Lynch (12th, 23.50) and Ray Bill (14th, 23.63).

"This was a tough loss," said coach

Busta. "We are certainly capable of skiing better. It's not for a lack of effort."

"We'll continue to work hard at practice — but we need to focus and execute on race day."

GIRLS ICE HOCKEY

Andover will finish out the regular season with games Feb. 6 at Mt. St. Joseph's in Charlestown and Feb. 9 at home versus Marblehead.

Between now and then the AHS skaters will play several controlled scrimmages to stay sharp.

Scoring leaders

Adrienne Shea leads the team with 10 goals and five assists for 15 points. Grace Farnham has four goals, six assists and Katie Stewart two goals, six assists.

Verissa Montalbano also boasts two goals and six assists, Jacqui Munro five goals, two assists and Ashley Malins four goals, three assists.

BOYS SWIM & DIVE

Sean Geary was the only double winner for either side, pacing the Andover High boys swim and dive team to a 99-82 dual-meet victory over Lowell which completed a sweep of the season series.

AHS opened the season with a 98-79 triumph over the Red Raiders.

The win boosted the Golden Warriors' overall record to 4-3 and practically assured the locals a winning dual-meet season.

Schedule

Andover hosted Haverhill yesterday, after Townsman presstime, and wraps up the regular season with meets tomorrow against MVC champion Chelmsford at the Lowell YMCA pool and next Tuesday at Greater Lawrence Vo-Tech versus Central Catholic (3:30 p.m.).

North Sectionals

Thus far five AHS swimmers, most in multiple events, have qualified for the annual North Sectional Championship Meet scheduled the middle of next month at Haverhill High's Charles White Natatorium.

Those who have made the grade in at least one event are Jon Meltz, Sean Geary, Nick Saunders, Paul D'Ambrosio and Tim Tuveson.

Andover 99
Lowell 82

Sean Geary touched first in the 200-yard freestyle (1:55.08) and the 100 free (53.68).

Rob Lakow moved closer to a North Sectional berth in the one-meter diving, winning that competition with a personal season-high 147.50 points.

Earning one win each were Jon Meltz (200 IM, 2:20.06), Paul D'Ambrosio (50 free, 26.16) and Nick Saunders in the 500 free (5:40.25).

Andover also placed first in all three relays, beginning with the 200 medley where D'Ambrosio, Tim Avila, Sanders and Geary were tops in 1:55.29.

The 200 free foursome of Lakow, Bert Gilbert, Geary and Tim Tuveson won in 1:48.84, besting by almost 10 seconds the runner-up quartet of Ben Carter, Zac Broomfield, Greg Robinson and Meltz from Andover (1:58.59).

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China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Gotta Dance, see Jan. 29 entry.

Saturday, Feb. 2

Improvisational theater, featuring Chicago City Limits, \$12-\$20, 8 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College; 978-837-5355.

Live hip, hop music dance, benefits Sept. 11 victims fund, \$12, \$2 off with a canned good donation, 7-11 p.m., Old Town Hall; Michelle Brodsky 508-878-7418.

Democrats meeting, to select Democratic delegates for the state convention, 10 a.m., West Middle School cafeteria; Norma Villarreal 978-475-4485.

Winter festival, featuring pony rides, food, raffle, noon-4 p.m., Clarke Park,

North Reading; 978-664-1776.

Live comedy, Tom Cotter, Spike Tobin, PJ Walsh, call for time, prices, Comedy Palace, Grill 93, Andover; 1-888-TO-LAUGH.

Live comedy, 9:30 p.m., Dick Doherty, Greg Rodrigues, Marion Canterbury, call for prices, Comedy Escape at the China Blossom, North Andover; 781-938-8088.

Christ Church Epiphany Art Show, see Jan. 26 entry.

Gotta Dance, see Jan. 29 entry.

Sunday, Feb. 3

Live jazz, featuring Dick Kaplan's Excellent Jazz Troubadours, free, 2:30 p.m., Memorial Hall Library; 978-623-8407.

High school festival showcase, sponsored by New England Classical Singers, \$5-\$15, 3 p.m., Rogers Center for the Arts, Merrimack College;

978-474-6090, <www.newengland-classical.org>.



Bonnie Greenberg

Jewish storyteller Bonnie Greenberg, \$5, 2-4 p.m., Temple Emanuel, 7 Haggetts Pond Road; Audrey Spencer 978-474-9169.

Discussion on slavery and abolition in New England, with Jane Sciacca of

The Concord-John Brown Connection, free, 2 p.m., Minute Man National Historical Park, 174 Liberty St., Concord; 978-369-6993.

Faculty concert, art exhibit, 2 p.m., Creative Arts, 25 Woburn St., Reading; 781-942-9600.

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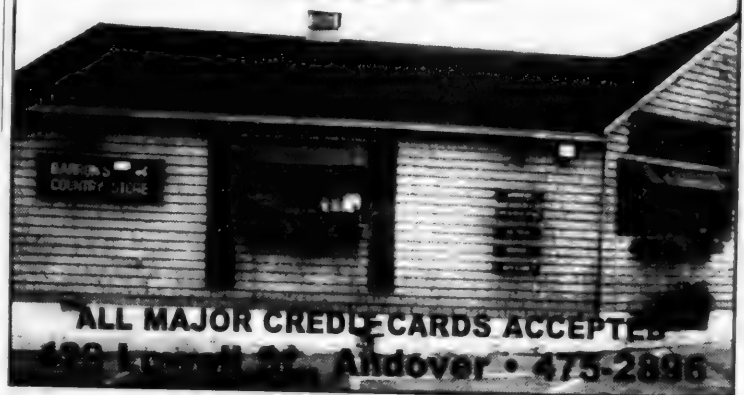
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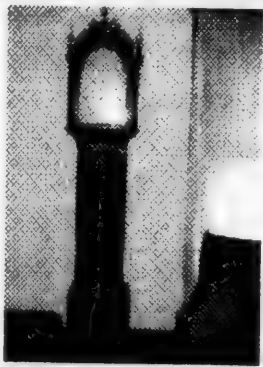
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Museum of Printing, 800 Massachusetts Ave., North Andover, featuring antique printing equipment, \$5 admission, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Friday, 1-8 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; 978-686-0450 or <www.museumofprinting.org>.

North Andover Historical Society, 153 Academy Road, North Andover, maintains two sites that feature museum galleries: 1789 Johnson Cottage, an artisan's home and workshop, and 1715 Parson Barnard House, depicting life from 1715-1830, 179 Osgood St. changing exhibits highlight local life from the 17th- to the 20th century, library and archive, \$3 adults, \$1 children, \$2 seniors, Johnson Cottage, tours Tuesday-Friday 10 a.m.-noon and 2-4 p.m., \$5 adults for a combined tour of both properties; 978-686-4035.

Boott Cotton Mills Museum, free, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 400 Foot of John, Lowell.

New England Quilt Museum, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 18 Shattuck St., Lowell; 978-452-4207.

Lawrence Heritage State Park, open daily, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., 1 Jackson St., Lawrence; 978-686-1655.

Custom House Maritime Museum, closed until April 1, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Thursday and Sunday, 1-4 p.m., 25 Water St., Newburyport; its Lowell Boat Shop, 459 Main St., Amesbury, Wednesday-Sunday; 978-388-0162.

Wenham Museum, \$5 adults, \$3 children ages 2 and up, 132 Main St., Wenham; 978-468-2377.

Peabody Essex Museum, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m., \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, free, children under 17, East India Square, Salem, Mass., 800-745-4054, <www.pem.org>.

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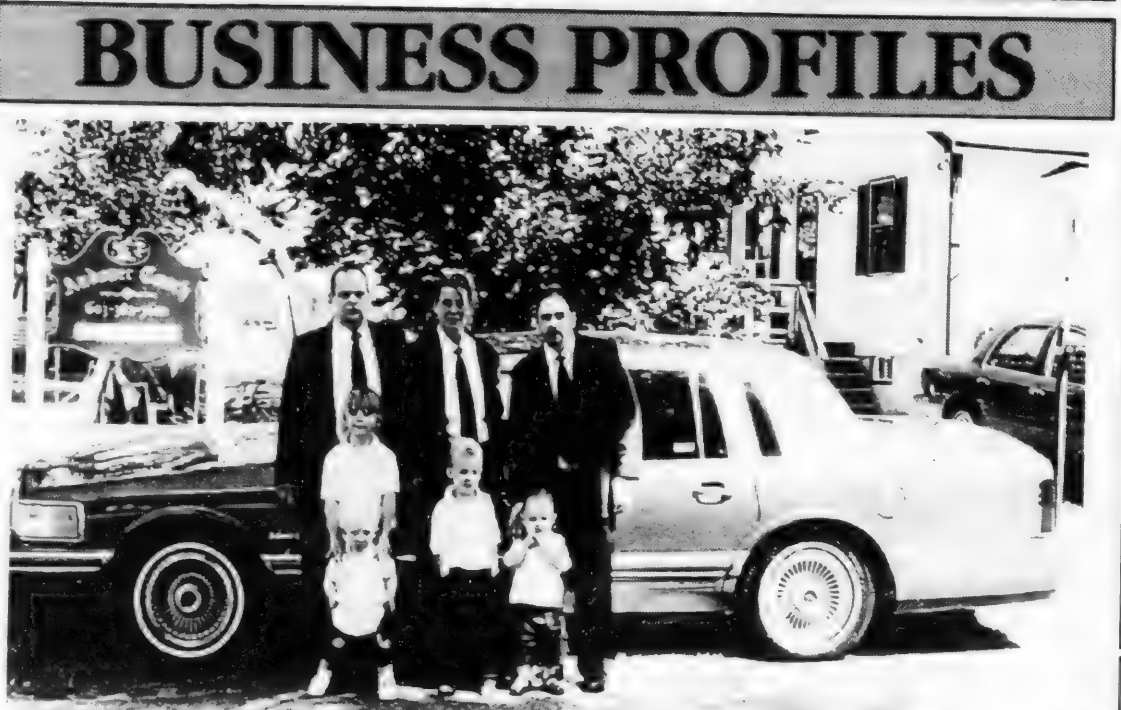
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Susan Stott, ACT president, poses with Bill Berard and new homeowner Mercedes Duran.

ACT sees more in future

AFFORDABLE

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Chris, 12; Franklyn, 13; and Cynthia, 10, were in school during Friday's dedication.

"May it be not only a house on Haverhill Street in a New England town, but a reminder of what can happen when people work together," said Rev. Cal Mutti of South Church, who said a blessing during Friday's ceremony.

Stott told the audience about ACT's plans to create more permanently affordable homes in

Andover, starting with a warrant article for April's Town Meeting that asks voters to authorize selectmen to release a town-owned plot of land on Heather Drive. If the article is approved, ACT will propose an affordable housing development on that site.

"I hope that everybody here will support that article," Stott said.

ACT has approximately 50 members and a 12-member board of directors. To join ACT or help with future construction, call 978-475-3748.

Kids linked with senior citizens

SUBSTATION

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he says. "When I was growing up I didn't have this (program). These kids are like a younger version of me. I really want to help them out."

That's great news for kids like Steve Sullivan, a seventh-grader at Doherty Middle School who's already aiming high. "I need to improve my grades. I want to go to Pinkerton Academy, because they have one of the top education programs in the country," he says, leaning over his English homework.

His friend John Grasso sits next to him, focusing on World Civilization studies.

"My finals are coming up next week," he says. "I want to get an A."

Besides homework, the kids are learning a different kind of work in their own neighborhood — community service. Each kid is paired up with a senior resident at Grandview Terrace. If that senior is carrying groceries into his or her apartment, that student will help. When it snows, that student will grab a brush and clean off the senior's car.

"They take the initiative. Now, they'll say, 'Oh, it looks like she needs some help,'" says Christine Metzemaekers, director of the Andover Housing Authority. She's encouraged by the interaction between the youth and seniors in the neighborhood.

Connolly hopes that kind of progress keeps growing — so much so that she envisions opening another branch of the program at another of the town's substations.

Wesson is crossing her fingers that the program, and the kids, will continue to receive the funds. "Education is costly," she says. "Ignorance is even more costly."



Felicia Gomez, 11, gets a hand with her homework from Alexandra Webb, thanks to a grant program called New Horizons for Youth.

EVENTS CALENDAR

JAN. 24 THRU FEB. 3

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World: Miniature and Microcosm in the Art of the Self Taught, Jan. 22 through March 31, featuring the work of 11 artists who explore images of alternate worlds; Resemblance: Photographs by Anna Gaskell, Jan. 19 through April 21; Maurice Prendergast: Learning to Look, Jan. 19 through April 14, an exhibition featuring more than 60 paintings and watercolors; Defying Distinction: Works from the Addison Collection, through April 14, featuring works by Joseph Cornell, Louise Nevelson, John Chamberlain, Dorothea Rockburne, and Martin Puryear, among others, denying immediate categorization and forcing an appreciation of their unique physical presence, blurring the distinctions between traditional media; Phillips Academy campus, Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday, 1-5 p.m.; BJ Larson 978-749-4027, 978-749-4015 or <bjlarson@andover.edu>.

McQuade Gallery at Merrimack College (located in the McQuade Library), featuring Take 5, works by five Boston artists who are members of the Blacksmith House Printmakers, in an exhibit that explores water-based, non-toxic printmaking tech-

niques through Feb. 28; a reception, open to the public, will be Jan. 24, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the McQuade Library; artists in the exhibit are: Laurinda Bedingfield, Paula Grisdal, Charles Stillman, Emily Trespas (of Andover), and Jackie Wise; gallery hours Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m., Friday, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m., Saturday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; closed weekends in January; 978-837-5000, Ext. 4205.

Brush Art Gallery, Tuesday-Saturday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m., Sunday, noon-4 p.m., 256 Market St., Lowell; 978-459-7819.

J. David Broudo Gallery of Art, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

Montserrat College of Art Gallery, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday, 11 a.m.-7 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.; Saturday, noon-4 p.m., 23 Essex St., Beverly; 978-921-4242.

Senior Center artists, talented artists participate in art classes and enjoy the "drop-in group" on Wednesday and Thursday mornings, art display of oils, watercolors, pencil, pen and ink, pastels and oriental brush art is in the Music Room; Andover Senior Center, Whittier Court, 978-623-8321.

Exhibit by children's book illustrator opens at Historical Society

The public is invited to attend an exhibit opening and artist's talk "Bringing Children's Stories To Life," by Robin Hansen, on Tuesday, Jan. 29 at 7 p.m. at Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St.

Hansen is the latest artist featured in the Society's ongoing Contemporary Andover Artists Series. Her whimsical, imaginary illustrations and historical drawings will be on exhibit in the reception area through mid-March. The cost for this event is \$5 for members, and \$10 for non-members. Refreshments will be served.

Hansen claims that she has drawn every day of her life. Born to artists, she grew up with paints, believed in elves and fairies, and always knew she would become an artist. She was particularly inspired by the works of N. C. Wyeth, Maurice Sendak, and Arthur Rackham. Hansen majored in art at Syracuse University and Lesley College and also attended the Tyler School of Art and watercolor workshops in Rockport. She worked in advertising in Boston, did medical illustration and house portraits, and has illustrated textbooks for Prentiss Hall, Houghton Mifflin, Simon and Schuster, and the Paulist Press. She wrote and illustrated *Pablo and the Miracle of Saint Anton*, and several other books. Since 1988, she has worked for the Cricket Magazine Group, including *Ladybug* and *Highlights for Children*. Her work has also appeared in the children's history magazines *Cobblestone* and *Faces*. Many of these works will be on

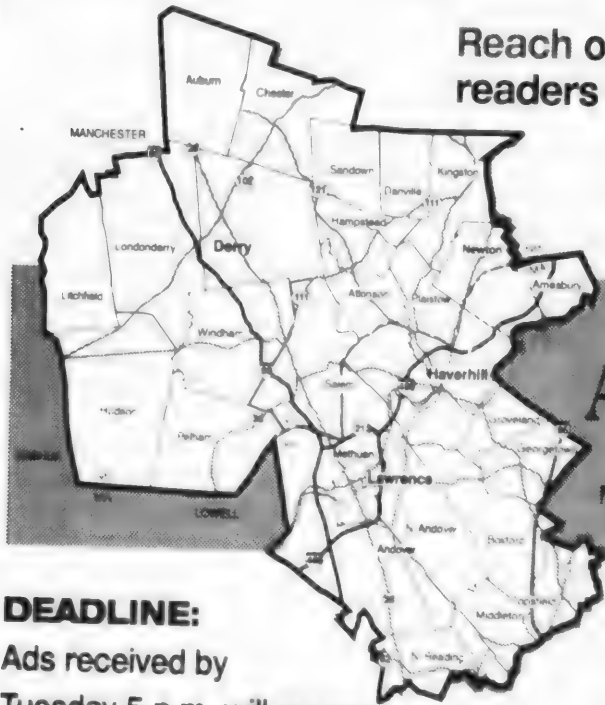
exhibit here.

Hansen has been an instructor at Phillips Academy Summer Session since 1995. She also teaches workshops on children's book illustration at the University of Massachusetts/Lowell. One of her most recent works, done after Sept. 11, is entitled "America America for Victim Relief."

On Tuesday, Feb. 26 from 3:30-5 p.m., Hansen will offer a family program for children 8 years and older. This after school workshop on "Creating A Book Illustration" is \$5 for members and \$10 for non-members. Call 978-475-2236 for reservations.



This Chinese Nursery Rhyme "Putong/Frog Song," illustrated by Robin Hansen, was told to the artist by Andover resident Rose Yang.



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DAY, February 7, 2002 at
7:00 P.M. on the petition
of Tom Murphy & Stacey
Treback, 51 Bartlet St.,
Andover, MA for a van-
ance from the require-
ments of the Andover
Zoning By-Law, Article
VIII § 4.1.2 and/or for a
special permit under
Article VIII, §3.3.5 to
allow construction of
additions and alterations
to existing non-conform-
ing residence that will
not meet the dimension-
al requirements.

Premises affected are
located at 51-53 Bartlet
St., Andover, MA in a
Single Residence A
District; and are shown
on Assessor Map 40 as
Lot 51.

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DAY, February 7, 2002 at
7:00 P.M. on the petition
of Stilianos & Maria
Katsikis, 8 Gavin Circle,
Andover, MA for a van-
ance from the require-
ments of the Andover
Zoning By-Law, Article
VIII, Section 8.1.7(1) to
construct a subdivision
roadway that would
require disturbance of
slopes in excess of 15%.

Premises affected are
located at 472 Lowell
Street, Andover, MA in a
Single Residence C
District; and are shown
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212 as Lot 13B.

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DAY, February 7, 2002 at
7:00 P.M. on the petition
of Merrimack College,
315 Turnpike Street,
North Andover, MA for a
variance from the re-
quirements of the
Andover Zoning By-Law,
Article VIII, § 4.1.3.3.b to
allow the construction of
a 210-bed student dor-
mitory building that will
not meet the dimension-
al height requirements.

Premises affected are
located at 315 Turnpike
Street, North Andover,
MA in a Single
Residence B District;
and are shown on
Assessor Map 3 as
Lot 5.

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ANDOVER on THURS-
DAY, February 7, 2002 at
7:00 P.M. on the petition
of Robert Carleo, 1
Napier Rd., Andover, MA
for a variance from the
requirements of the
Andover Zoning By-Law,
Article VII, § 4.1.2 and/or
for a special permit
under Article VIII, §3.3.5
to allow construction of
additions and alterations
to existing non-conform-
ing residence that will
not meet the dimension-
al requirements.

Premises affected are
located at 1 Napier
Road, Andover, MA in a
Single Residence B
District; and are shown
on Assessor Map 2 as
Lot 46.

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ELM SQUARE,
ANDOVER on THURS-
DAY, February 7, 2002 at
7:00 P.M. on the petition
of David & Pamela
Mesquita, 24 Iron Gate
Drive, Andover, MA for a
variance from the re-
quirements of the
Andover Zoning By-Law,
Article VIII, § 4.1.2
and/or for a special per-
mit under Article VIII,
§3.3.5 to convert an
existing non-conforming
deck into a 3-season
room that will not meet
the dimensional require-
ments.

Premises affected are
located at 24 Iron Gate
Drive, Andover, MA in a
Single Residence B
District; and are shown
on Assessor Map 105 as
Lot 14.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
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January 24 & 31, 2002

NOTICE OF MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale
contained in a certain mortgage given by Douglas
G. Schramm and Robert W. Schramm to Ameri-
can Residential Mortgage Corporation, dated
August 10, 1992, and recorded with the Essex
County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at
Book 3520, Page 212, of which mortgage National
City Mortgage Company is the present holder
by assignment, for breach of the conditions of
said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing,
the same will be sold at Public Auction at 3:00
p.m. on February 7, 2002, on the mortgaged
premises located at 40 River Road, Andover,
Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular
the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

a parcel of land, together with the buildings there-
on, situated on the Westerly side of River Road in
said Andover, bounded and described as follows:

EASTERLY: by River Road One Hundred
Twelve & 02/100 (112.02) feet;
NORTHERLY: by land now or once of Helen
Hardy Cooper, Ninety (90.00)
feet;
WESTERLY: by land now or formerly of
Helen Hardy Cooper One
Hundred and One (101.00)
feet;
SOUTHERLY: by land now or formerly of
Greenwood One Hundred
Seven and 25/100 (107.25)
feet;

Containing 10,590 square feet, more or less, and
being shown on "Plan of land in Andover, Mass.
as surveyed for Helen Hardy Cooper", dated
October, 1950, Clinton F. Goodwin, Engineer, said
plan being recorded in the Northern Essex District
Registry of Deeds as Plan number 2300.

For our title see Deed from Elizabeth K.
Vanasse to us to be recorded herewith.

For Mortgagors' title see deed recorded with
Essex County (Northern District) Registry of
Deeds in Book 3592, Page 330.

These premises will be sold and conveyed
subject to and with the benefit of all rights, rights
of way, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens
or claims in the nature of liens, improvements,
public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax
titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any
other municipal assessments or liens or existing
encumbrances of record which are in force and
are applicable, having priority over said mortgage,
whether or not reference to such restrictions,
easements, improvements, liens or encum-
brances is made in the deed.

TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dol-
lars by certified or bank check will be required to
be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of
sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or
bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 Cal-
ifornia Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or
by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands,
Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30)
days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided
to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of
the purchase price. The description of the premis-
es contained in said mortgage shall control in the
event of an error in this publication.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the
sale.

NATIONAL CITY MORTGAGE COMPANY
Present holder of said mortgage

By its Attorneys,
HARMON LAW OFFICES, P.C.
Lori A. Bolduc, Esquire
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January 10, 17 & 24, 2002

LEGAL NOTICES

**Commonwealth Of
Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate
And Family Court
Department
ESSEX Division
Docket No. 01P3215FE1**

In the Estate Of
SHIRLEY STEVENS
DAVIS AKA
SHIRLEY S. DAVIS
Late of SUN CITY, AZ,
having estate in
ANDOVER, In the State
of MASSACHUSETTS
Date of Death
December 27, 2000

**NOTICE OF PETITION
FOR APPOINTMENT
OF ADMINISTRATOR
WITH THE WILL
ANNEXED OF
FOREIGN WILL**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, a petition has been presented with certain papers purporting to be a copy of the last will of said deceased and of the probate thereof in said State of ARIZONA duly authenticated there by, MARICOPA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT, ARIZONA praying that the copy of said will may be filed and recorded in the Registry of Probate of the county of ESSEX, and that THOMAS C. LAPORTE of CHESTER in the State of NEW HAMPSHIRE, be appointed administrator with the will annexed thereof, to serve without surety.

IF YOU DESIRE TO OBJECT THERETO, YOU OR YOUR ATTORNEY MUST FILE A WRITTEN APPEARANCE IN SAID COURT AT SALEM, ON OR BEFORE TEN O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON (10:00 AM) ON **March 4, 2002**.

In addition you must file a written affidavit of objections to the petition, stating the specific facts and grounds upon which the objection is based, within thirty (30) days after the return day (or such other time as the court, on motion with notice to the petitioner, may allow) in accordance with Probate Rule 16.

WITNESS, HON. JOHN C. STEVENS, III ESQUIRE, First Justice of said Court at SALEM this day, January 15, 2002.

Pamela Casey O'Brien
Register of
Probate Court
January 24, 2002

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MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue and in execution of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by John Ventre a/k/a John W. Ventre and Janice Ventre to New Century Mortgage Corporation, dated December 19, 2000 and recorded with the Essex County (N.D.) Registry of Deeds at Book 6037, Page 321, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder, and in which the mortgaged premises consist of certain real estate located in Andover, known as and numbered 44 Farrwood Drive, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction at 10:00 a.m. on the 13th day of February, 2002, at said mortgaged premises in Andover, Essex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

TO WIT:

The land in Andover, Essex County Massachusetts, being shown as Lot #33 on Sheet 1 of a plan entitled "Subdivision Plan of Farrwood Forest, Andover, Massachusetts owner Roy R. Farr, Sagamore Drive, Scale 1"=40", 10 April, 1967, Raymond C. Pressey, Inc., C.E." recorded with Essex North District Registry of Deeds as Plan No. 5806, said lot being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

NORTHERLY	by the Southerly line of the Circular portion of Farrwood Drive, 89.01 feet;
EASTERLY	by Lot #34, 260.81 feet;
SOUTHERLY	by land of New England Power Company, 230.00 feet;
SOUTHWESTERLY	by land now or formerly of Thomas A. Thompson, 73.69 feet; and
NORTHWESTERLY	by Lot #32 on said plan, 238.29 feet

Containing 48,010 sq. ft. as shown on said plan.

For title, see Book 2086, Page 292.

Said sale shall be subject to all restrictions, easements, improvements, covenants, outstanding tax titles, liens or claims in the nature of liens, existing encumbrances of record, Federal, State and Municipal taxes or tax liens, municipal betterments and easements, if any, created prior to the mortgage being foreclosed upon. Said premises shall also be sold subject to all leases and tenancies having priority over said mortgage, to tenancies or occupations by persons on the premises now and at the time of said auction, which tenancies or occupants are subject to said mortgage, to rights or claims in personal property installed by tenants or former tenants now located on the premises, and also to all laws and ordinances, including, but not limited to, all building and zoning laws and ordinances.

TERMS OF SALE:

Ten Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$10,000.00) shall be paid in certified or Bank cashier's check by the purchaser at the time and place of sale, and the balance of the purchase price shall be paid by certified or bank cashier's check at the offices of Steven A. Ross, Esq., Gilmartin, Magence & Ross, P.C. 376 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02116 within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. The successful bidder of the sale of the premises shall be required to sign a Memorandum of Terms of Sale containing the above terms at the Auction Sale.

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the time and place of sale.

The postal address of the mortgaged premises is known to me as 44 Farrwood Drive, Andover, MA 01810.

Mortgagee: Eastern Savings Bank, fsb
11350 McCormick Road, Suite 200
Hunt Valley, MD 21031

Mortgagee's
Attorney: Steven A. Ross, Esq.
Gilmartin, Magence & Ross, P.C.
376 Boylston Street
Boston, MA 02116
(617) 375-9000

Dated: January 2, 2002

January 10, 17 & 24, 2002

**OFFICE OF THE
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NOTICE OF HEARING**

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, February 7, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Michael & Sarah Dousa, 51 Ballardvale Rd., Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII § 4.1.2 and/or for special permits under Article VIII, §3.3.5 to allow the construction of a second level to an existing non-conforming residence within the current footprint that will not meet the dimensional requirements.

Premises affected are located at 51 Ballardvale Road, Andover, MA in a Single Residence B District; and are shown on Assessor Map 98 as Lot 7.

DANIEL S. CASPER,
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A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, February 7, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Paul K. Butt, Builder, Inc., 3 Kilmarnock St., Wilmington, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section 8.1.6.2 to allow regrading within 50' of a wetland area to accommodate the cul-de-sac road and the construction of a driveway for access to lot 2.

Premises affected are located at 14 Bailey Rd., Andover, MA in a Single Residence C District; and are shown on Assessor Map 219 as Lot 8.

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Premises affected are located at 21 Pomeroy Road, Andover, MA in a

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Single Residence C District; and are shown on Assessor Map 122 as Lot 33.

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Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Sections VI.A, VI.A.5.b, V.A. (1), V.A. (2), & V.A. (3) to allow the removal of an existing non-conforming structure and the construction of a structure that will not meet dimensional requirements on a lot that does not have frontage on a way as defined by the By-Law.

Premises affected are located off of 49 School Street, Andover, MA in a Single Residence A District; and are shown on Assessor's Map 55 as Lots 113 & 113A

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF HEARING

A public hearing will be held at THE HALL, SECOND FLOOR in MEMORIAL HALL LIBRARY, ELM SQUARE, ANDOVER on THURSDAY, February 7, 2002 at 7:00 P.M. on the petition of Stilianos & Maria Katsikis, 8 Gavin Circle, Andover, MA for a variance from the requirements of the Andover Zoning By-Law, Article VIII, Section 8.1.7(1) to install a water line that would require disturbance of slopes in excess of 15%.

Premises affected are located at 472 Lowell Street, Andover, MA in a Single Residence C District; and are shown on Assessor Map 197 & 212 as Lot 13B.

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27 Commercial Property

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METHUEN. 2500 Sq Ft industrial condo... \$179,000 - 6,000 Sq. ft. industrial condo... \$399,000. 5200 SF body shop 1.3 acres. \$595k

LAWRENCE. Auto Garage/Gas Station, 2 buildings... \$595,000. Dry cleaning business. Includes real estate & equipment. \$209,000. Call Minco Corp 978-687-6200 x127

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51-75 Rentals

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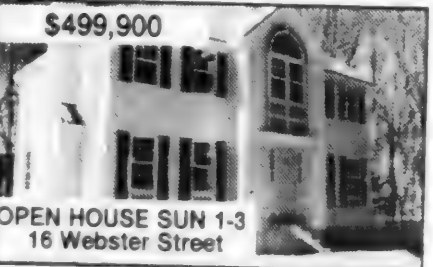
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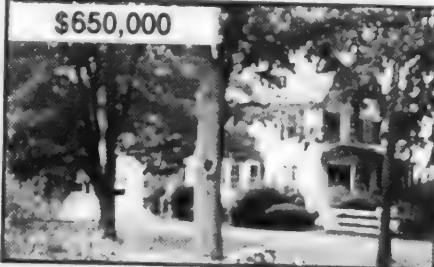
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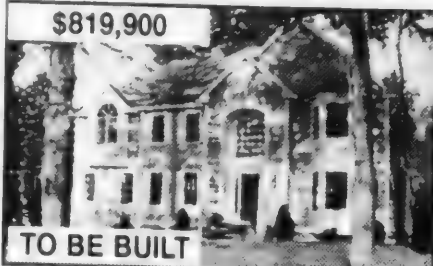
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OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!

NORTH ANDOVER - Campbell Forest, off Salem Street. New area of 37 homes. This 3,800 sq. ft. Colonial features 9' ceilings, central air, maple kitchen with granite counters and stainless appliances, 4 full baths, super master bedroom, 3 car garage, all town services. **\$799,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!

ANDOVER - 2 Evergreen Lane. Impressive Federal Colonial in private 2+ acre setting with wonderful convenience to town, schools and commuter routes. Delightful full circular staircase, great room with wall of built-ins, fireplace family room, lovely sunroom, even a guest suite! **\$819,900**

OPEN SUNDAY 1-4!

ANDOVER - 67 Bellevue Road. Striking 4,000 sq. ft. Colonial under construction on level lot with background of trees. Spacious well-appointed rooms, bright and sunny throughout, 3.5 baths, 2 fireplaces, dramatic open foyer, exceptional master suite, 3 car garage. **\$989,000**

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

Shortcuts can give a room that 'new look' you've been dreaming of

By Sue Tabb

Every year about this time, I get an uncontrollable urge to redecorate; it's an overwhelming feeling of "out with the old and in with the new," and I generally get a little carried away. The idea begins with the notion that none of my furniture is any good, quickly followed by the desire to knock down walls, tear up rugs and build a new addition. After the initial frenzy fades, I realize that there are small and more inexpensive methods to achieve the desired end that don't necessarily involve a backhoe.

There are several ways to give a room a quick facelift, including putting new hardware on a chest or cabinets, using new window treatments, applying a fresh coat of paint or simply laying down an area rug. George Abdinoor, president of Albrite Carpets in Lawrence, says it's amazing what an area rug can do to make a room come together.

"Especially today, there is great popularity in ceramic tile and hardwood floors, so people are into area rugs," says Mr. Abdinoor. "A picture is nice, but when you put a frame around it, you enhance it ... a hardwood floor is like a frame around an area rug - they enhance each other."

Mr. Abdinoor claims that new technology has improved the quality of machine-made rugs. For instance, you can get a 6-by-9-foot area rug for less than \$200; according to this carpet expert, while it's not like those in the hand-made category, you still have a rug that looks terrific. Advanced technology has also allowed the carpet industry to keep up with the apparel industry with fast-shifting trends such as color. Right now, brown tones are popular again.

There are many different looks



You can achieve many different looks for a room just by using area rugs.

you can achieve when using area rugs; you can go with oval, square, round, fringe or no fringe - there is a plethora of options when you consider size, shape and color. You can really customize a space to your personality with a rug, even if you already have wall-to-wall carpeting in the room.

"People putting Orientals on top

of wall-to-wall carpet is still very popular," notes Mr. Abdinoor. "They even have special pads to put under area rugs to prevent the rug from moving; my sales for those pads have been unbelievable."

Interior decorator Celeste Edwards-McMillan, owner of The Frugal Decorator in Newburyport, says that color can do a lot to change the look of a room. Sometimes, something as simple as a coat of paint or some new accessories can bring about the desired results. The decorator insists, though, that being a good shopper is key when your decorating on a budget.

"If you're a good consumer, you can do some things fairly economically ... you can go into a store like HomeGoods, Marshalls or T.J. Maxx and find some really good deals," Ms. Edwards-McMillan says.

Ms. Edwards-McMillan also says that, when faced with the high costs of renovating a room like your

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kitchen, you could opt for changing the look simply by investing in some new knobs for cabinets, a new lighting fixture over your table or some new accessories, such as a pretty jar or a new toaster.

"Maybe (try) going from a white toaster to a stainless steel one and bringing in some stainless steel knobs to match - just to bring everything together for a nice, finished look," recommends Ms. Edwards-McMillan.

And, bringing things together is exactly what clients are looking for from a decorator. Ms. Edwards-McMillan gives her customers direction based on their individual

needs and budget.

"I keep my eyes and ears open all the time for good bargains ... sometimes, people just need a second eye to help them coordinate furniture, layout or just to know where to shop," she says.

Accent pieces and window treatments are another way to breathe new life into a room, and one area merchant is expanding to meet the consumer demand in this area. Hampshire Fabrics Home Decorating Center on Merrimack Street in Lawrence has recently added home accessories to their product line, including pictures, hand-crafted furniture, floral arrange-

ments, candles, pillows and lamps. Vice President Linda Purpura says that the merchandise has "interior-design quality but at an affordable price."

In February, Hampshire Fabrics will open a ready-made curtain store right next door to its current location. In addition to window treatments, the new Home Fashions shop will carry toss pillows, tablecloths and more home accessories.

"A window treatment can change everything. And, with a couple of new toss pillows on the couch, you've got a whole new look," says Ms. Purpura.

Becoming a habit

It started in 1976 as a simple idea: Use donated land, materials and labor to help needy families acquire decent housing. And 25 years later, Habitat for Humanity has built more than 100,000 homes and grown into a worldwide movement.

If you're looking for an opportunity to help build homes, to acquire new skills, or both, www.habitat.org will help you find it. There are special areas devoted to two groups of people - students and women who may feel intimidated by trying their hand at construction.

The site will direct you to the nearest chapter of Habitat for Humanity, explain how the organization works, describe how individuals can apply for a Habitat home and give information on donating time, materials, talent or money to Habitat.

Note to college students: If you haven't decided how you're going to spend off time, check out this site's information on short-term projects you can do while taking a breather from school.

Source: Copley News Service



Just changing the hardware on furniture or replacing window treatments can change the look of a room.

HOME Facts

AC and furnace tuneup

■ Turn off power to the air conditioner or furnace at the service panel.

■ On the unit outside, be sure the sides and top are unobstructed by debris. Clean the radiator-like sides with a bristle brush, if needed. A shop vac should remove most loose dirt. Blasting with a garden hose is OK, but be sure to cover the motor with plastic and spray the water from the inside out 1. Clean the fan blades. Be sure there is no debris at the bottom of the unit.

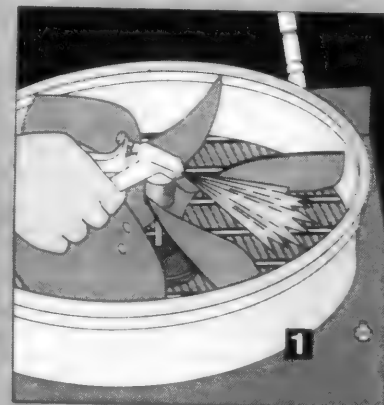
■ Oil the motor if it has oil ports. Check the owner's manual for oil type. Oil the unit inside, too, as applicable.

■ Check any belts on belt-driven units. Belts should be

free of wear and should feel snug, but not overly tight.

■ Be sure all filters are clean. The old honeycomb-style filters should be replaced monthly.

■ Secure shields and covers.



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Up in smoke: Fireplace safety starts with a clean chimney

By Steven Spearie
Copley News Service

The warm glow from a fireplace can have practical and aesthetic qualities. But, unmanaged chimneys and unattended fires can spell trouble.

According to statistics from the U.S. Product Safety Commission, more than 30,000 residential fires originated in fireplaces, wood-burning stoves and chimneys. That translated into \$181.8 million in property damage, 220 injuries and 70 deaths.

Bill Klein, owner and operator of Klein's Chimney Sweep Service in Springfield, Ill., says chimneys should be swept after a homeowner has burned a cord of wood, or approximately a year. If creosote buildup over the damper is "thicker than a nickel," or if creosote can be shaken loose, says Mr. Klein, it's time to have the chimney swept.

Chimney fires, he says, are most likely the result of bad construction or too large a fire in the fireplace.

Bad tubing, especially in older chimneys, is a main culprit, says Mr. Klein.

"The last five to 10 years, the quality of fireplace construction has been excellent," says Mr. Klein.

That's because Underwriters Laboratory has tightened up mandates, the most prolific being the stainless-steel metal lining that can withstand fires of up to 2,000 degrees.

An out-of-control fire, propelled by flammable material such as wrapping paper or old Christmas trees, can make for

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BILL KLEIN

a dangerous situation. The myth that burning apples or beer cans in the fireplace prevents creosote buildup is just that: a myth, says Mr. Klein.

A fire should consist of no more than a couple of logs, good seasoned hardwood, such as hickory or oak, says Mr. Klein. Pine, in addition to being highly flammable, can gum up the fireplace flue and give off a maleficent odor.

Start with a small kindling fire, says Frank Kruger of Marx Energy Systems. Don't start a fire with charcoal lighter or kerosene and don't burn charcoal, plastics or plastic foam indoors because of potential carbon monoxide poisoning, he says.

Gradually building up fires also is recommended if you have a newer unit, says Mr. Kruger. The metal should be cured, and a large fire in a new unit may burn off the paint and oil.

Most in the industry recommend mesh fire screens to prevent sparks and cinders from flying out. Objects should be kept 3 feet away from the fireplace. No flammable materials should be placed on the hearth, says Mr. Kruger.

Tongs, a shovel and a brush are requisite materials near the fireplace.

Keep a fire extinguisher in the home, and install smoke

and carbon monoxide detectors. Batteries in smoke detectors should be checked at least twice annually.

Chimney caps, says Mr. Klein, keep 95 percent of moisture out of the chimney, in addition to birds, spiders and other creatures. A chimney cap, which runs about \$60, can prove a wise investment in preventing a potential chimney fire.

Leave a thin layer of ash in the fireplace, but don't let ash build up past the grate, says Mr. Kruger.

When removing the ash, make sure it's put in a fire-proof container, says Mr. Klein.

Flues and chimneys should be checked for cracks and other obstructions; dampers should be checked for operability.

Never leave children unsupervised in rooms with open fires, and keep matches and fire-lighters up.

There are alternatives to traditional wood-burning fireplaces. Gas or electric fireplaces allow you to simply hit a switch on the wall to ignite and a remote can control the flame and fan, says Mr. Kruger.

Unvented fireplaces, while having the highest heat output, are also the less realistic, says Mr. Kruger, and may provide problems to people with respiratory problems.

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Reading between the cabinet lines

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There are a number of different cabinet grades, ranging from stock to custom lines. Below are definitions that list their distinctions, as well as factors to consider when choosing cabinets and a list of other kitchen essentials.

Definitions

Stock cabinets, which are the most economical, make up the majority of kitchens today. Stock cabinets offer a variety of wood species, colors and options. However, most lines do not allow for modifications or variations. For this reason, many people choose to upgrade their cabinets from stock to a semi-custom or custom line.

Semi-custom lines offer more variety in style, finish and wood species, as well as the ability to make some cabinet modifications. Although there may be some limitations concerning choice, semi-custom lines allow for more design leeway than stock, such as a deviation in width, depth or height from a standard-size cabinet.

The last option is custom. Custom cabinets are an upgrade from semi-custom and therefore offer much more choice. Customers who choose custom lines can include in their package such luxuries as hutches, wet bars or other features not available in other lines. In addition, this line offers the option of custom finishing and in some cases, custom wood species.

While custom is the most expensive of lines, it need not be avoided altogether if one is on a limited budget. If a person can't afford a custom kitchen in its entirety, many kitchen designs may only need one to two custom pieces to complete the look.

Related to cabinet lines is the issue of options. Unlike custom options, which must be quoted individually, these options are defined as extra accessories that can be ordered from a book at a fixed price. They may include such items as towel racks, spice racks or other convenient kitchen items. Generally, these options can be installed into any kitchen line.

Considerations ...

The biggest thing to consider in your search for cabinets is your budget. What exactly can you afford? While wood species, finishes and cabinet construction have an impact

on kitchen costs, it is often the addition of extras, such as glass doors, open shelves and other custom pieces, that incur the most costs. Being realistic about what you can afford is the first step to purchasing cabinets.

Cabinet salesperson, Mike Swan also discusses the factor of quality when searching for kitchen cabinets.

"Most people in this region feel that a quality cabinet means solid wood fronts, plywood cabinet construction and dovetailed hardwood drawers with undermount drawer guides," he said. This type of cabinet construction can be obtained in all three lines, but for a more modest budget, Swan feels cabinets containing particle board are also a solid choice.

"Cabinetry that has particle board in it does not denote it's a lower quality cabinet and it can last as long as all-wood cabinets under normal use," he said.

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Another important aspect is kitchen hardware – the knobs and handles on your cabinets. The different options are astounding, with common finishes ranging from painted to antique brass to marble and everything in between. The material used in making this hardware, such as glass, brass and iron, also comes in a wide selection. Many styles cost less than \$10 a piece.

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Repair it yourself: Quick fixes for some appliances on the fritz

By Paul R. Huard
Copley News Service

Does your garbage disposal sounds like it could star in a remake of "The Exorcist"? Is your dishwasher just rearranging the food fragments on your plate, not cleaning it? Is your dryer actually making clothes wetter?

Cheer up. The answer might be simple enough for you to solve without the contents of your wallet and a repair man.

Try some of these quick fixes before you bring in the experts. They are aimed at specific problems that plague the most common modern conveniences. But remember, if they don't work you might still need to call in the professionals.

Prevention remains the best cure of all. Following the manufacturer's instructions regarding use and maintenance will extend the life of your appliances and keep breakdowns to a minimum.

The garbage disposal

Most malfunctions are appliance homicides, inflicted by homeowners. Despite the appearance of a steely maw that consumes all things, garbage disposals gag on metal, glass, plastic and fibrous materials such as banana peels, paper and wood. Try these steps if all else fails:

- Unplug the unit.

- Find your owner's manual and check for cleaning instructions.

- Look on the bottom of the disposal for a hexagon-shaped hole. If there is one, find a hex wrench that will fit it. (Sometimes a wrench is mounted on the disposal unit.)

- Put the hex wrench in the hole and rotate the wrench back and forth to free the obstruction. (Some models have a reversing switch that accomplishes the same action.)

- If your disposal is still jammed, turn the unit off, then use a broom handle to loosen the clog. Use tongs or pliers to pull any material out. Never use your hand.

Dishwasher problems

Some of the most common problems, such as poor cleaning or slow drainage, can be easily prevented. Overloading a dishwasher or placing pots and pans crusted with hunks of crud will challenge the best-made machine.

Pre-rinsing heavily soiled dishes and reasonable loads will keep the sink trap and drainpipe open and unclogged.

If your dishwasher doesn't drain, unplug the unit or turn off its circuit breaker and follow these steps:

- Remove the cover from the air gap at the top of sink and clean it with a wire.

- Look for kinks in the drain

hose.

- Let the dishwasher cool and remove the strainer, if possible (the strainer is under the bottom spray arm), clean it with a brush and replace it. Use a screwdriver if necessary to unfasten these parts, and carefully set any screws or washers aside to avoid loss.

If the drain hose or valve is clogged, pull the dishwasher out from under the counter, disconnect the drain hose and flush it outdoors with a stream of water from a garden hose.

Call a repair man if these quick fixes don't help.

The washing machine

Burst or leaky hoses are inevitable, but check first to see if what you really see is water from a spill or dripping laundry. Follow these steps if you still believe the water is coming from the washer:

- Check the fittings where the hoses connect to the faucets and the back of the machine.

- Look for worn or leaky hoses.

- Tighten couplings or hose clamps.

- Replace hoses if necessary, but turn off water before removing hoses and have a bucket close so you can drain them. Continual leaking after these steps means a call to your repair man is in order.

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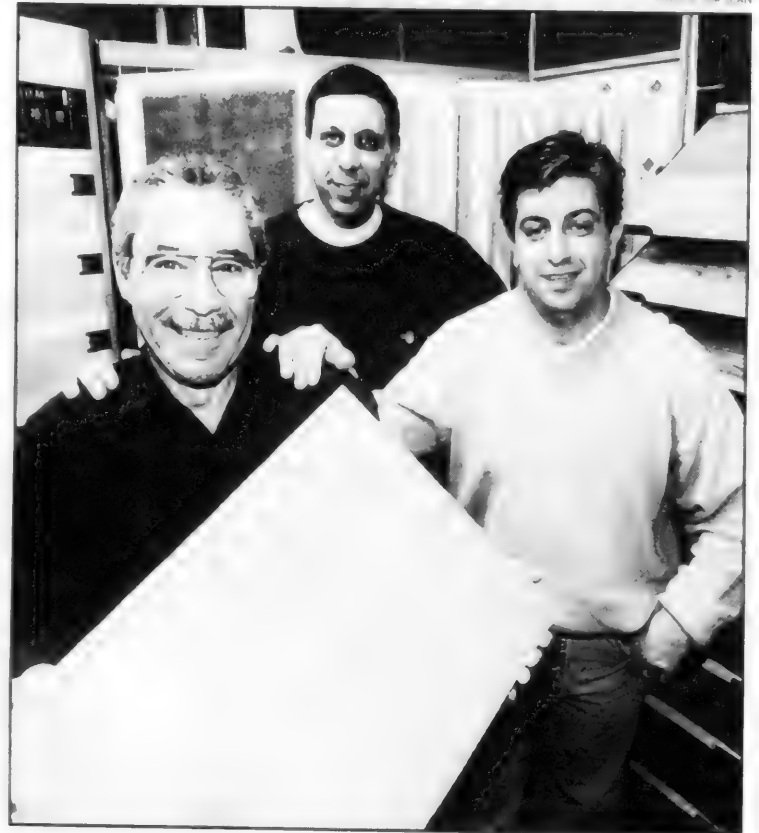
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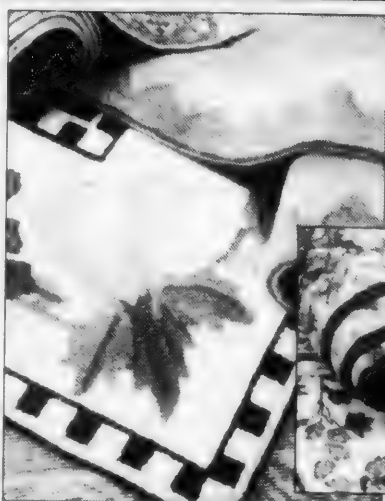
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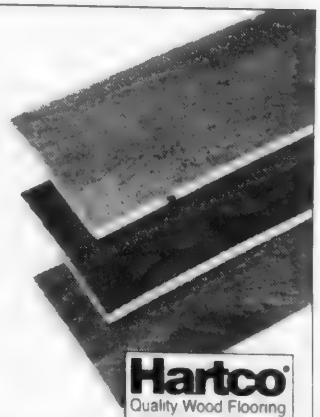
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The clothes dryer

Consistently wet loads after lengthy drying usually indicate a clogged venting system.

First, check the dryer's lint filter. If you find enough lint there to knit a sweater, chances are a quick cleaning will cure the problem. Keep this from happening again by

cleaning the lint filter after every load.

Overloading will also cause longer drying times. Don't try to cram a week's laundry into one dryer load.

If your clothes still take too long to dry, the exhaust venting system probably is clogged with lint. Take the following steps, but after you unplug the dryer or turn off the pilot light:

- Check the dryer's vent cap where the dryer blows outside the house. It could be blocked with foreign matter. If blocked, pull the vent cap away from the wall and clean out the duct with a hooked wire.

- Disconnect the air duct hose from the back of the dryer and remove built-up lint.

- Clean out the vent duct, then reconnect the vent.

Designer for hire

If you're thinking about hiring an interior designer but aren't sure how to go about it, HomePortfolio's Designer Directory at www.homeportfolio.com is a non-threatening place to start.

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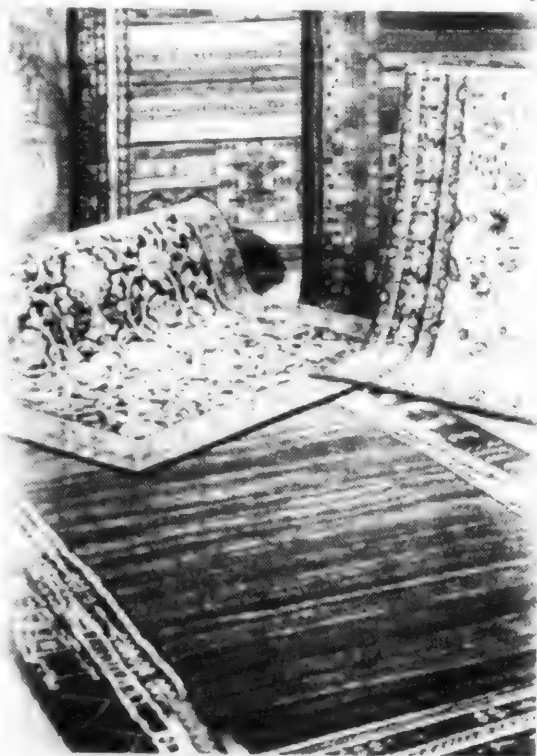
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The fact is, power outages are happening more and more with the shortage of electric capacity prevalent across the country. And you can always count on Mother Nature to do her part with seasonal storm activity.

"That's a major reason sales of standby power generators have doubled in the past five years," says Pat Simpson, host of HGTV's "Before and After" and "Fix-it-Up" and spokesperson for small engine manufacturer Briggs & Stratton.

Recent research shows that, now more than ever, consumers plan to take control of their power situation. Nationwide, 17 percent of America's households are interested in purchasing a standby generator in the next two years. In California, the number grows to nearly one in four.

"Homeowners today like to be in control," says Mr. Simpson. "Standby generators have become an easy-to-use, affordable way to keep their homes safe, comfortable and functional through any power-related emergency."

Today, the right generator can keep the lights on, the food cold and the home business running. Even security systems and sump pumps will remain active, no matter what happens to the power supply.

Mr. Simpson says, however, that consumers need to be informed about the decision to purchase and operate a standby generator. "There are two types of standby generators, portable and permanently installed."

Portable generators are smaller, gasoline-fueled, manually started models that can power necessary household items. The wattage range of these units runs from 4,000 to 10,000 watts. An important accessory for portable units is a manual power transfer system, which eliminates the need for extension cords and makes transferring standby power to a home fast, safe and easy.

Permanently installed, automatic-start generators are the most technologically advanced generators. Permanent standby units can sense a power disruption and automatically start even if no one is home, then shut off automatically when the line power is restored. These units connect directly to the home's natural gas supply or a propane fuel supply and range from 5,000 to 20,000 watts.

Following are three tips Mr.

Simpson gives for selecting the right standby generator to meet your needs.

1. Determine the type of generator. The first thing to consider is budget. A portable generator will cost \$500 to \$1,000. Permanent standby systems will run \$5,000 to \$10,000 installed, but provide a level of performance and convenience that is critical for some owners.

2. Determine wattage requirements. Size your unit for the items you'll need during an outage: air-conditioner, refrigerator, freezer, lights, TV, computer, well and sump pumps and others. "Approximately 5,000 to 7,500 watts is enough to power the average

home," says Mr. Simpson. Wattage ratings for appliances are listed on the nameplates.

3. Choose your features. Some generator manufacturers include features such as larger fuel tanks for longer run-time and automatic voltage regulation to protect sensitive electronic equipment. A familiar engine brand may be the most

important consideration in choosing a generator. Options to look for include overhead valve technology, electronic ignition for easy starts, low oil shutdown and a low-tone muffler for quiet operation.

"Don't wait for the next power emergency," says Mr. Simpson. "Take back control of your power supply with a standby generator."

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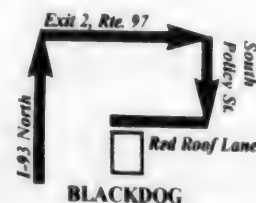
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Double-check your home's protection against flooding

(NAPSA) – You've gone to great lengths to protect your home, but there may be one defense missing.

You bought a homeowner's policy. You added a rider for sewer backup. You even installed a security system. Unfortunately, none of these protect your home and belongings from flood damage or provide you with the resources to fully recover after floodwaters recede. Fortunately, National flood insurance does.

Think a flood can't happen in your area? Floods occur just about anywhere. According to the Federal Emergency Management Agency's National Flood Insurance Program, which makes federally backed flood insurance available in participating communities, about 25 percent of its claims come from areas that aren't considered high-risk. Floods in

these areas can be every bit as severe as those in flood-prone areas and can take a larger toll on homeowners who aren't prepared.

Without proper planning, your options for recovery may be limited. Disaster assistance, which is only available when the President declares a federal disaster, is usually a loan that must be paid back with interest. Barring that aid, you may have to resort to personal savings to repair damage to your home's structure and replace soggy furnishings.

Officials at the NFIP stress that buying and keeping a National flood insurance policy can help you recover quickly and fully after a flood. This strategy puts you in control, providing reimbursement for all covered losses without incurring any debt.

In addition to having the protection of National flood insurance,

you can take steps to help prevent flood damage in your home. The following checklist will help get you started.

- Move stored items out of your basement.

- Clean and maintain storm drains and gutters and remove debris from your property to allow free flow of potential floodwater.

- Elevate the main breaker or fuse box and the utility meters above the anticipated flood level in your home so that floodwater won't interrupt your utilities.

- Call your city or county building authority, insurance agent or company or mortgage lender to determine your property's risk for flooding and learn if your community participates in the NFIP. More than 19,000 communities participate, so it is likely that National flood insurance is available to you.

Walls of whimsy

Whether it's displaying a collection of pineapple dishes or family memorabilia, some of the basic rules of decorating still apply to wall arranging. Walls are the largest vertical space in a house, counting as nearly one-third of the visual work space. Though there are exceptions, most pieces should be hung about 60 inches from the floor.

- Balance: If you use the basic principles of arranging artwork, the space should look balanced. Symmetrical arrangements are the easiest to create. Asymmetrical, or varied arrangements, work best if you have a lot of pieces in different sizes, shapes and colors.

- Layout: Before you hang anything, lay individual pieces out on the floor to get a feel for the way it would look on the wall. Try to do this in front of the wall that you will display the pieces on to catch the lighting.

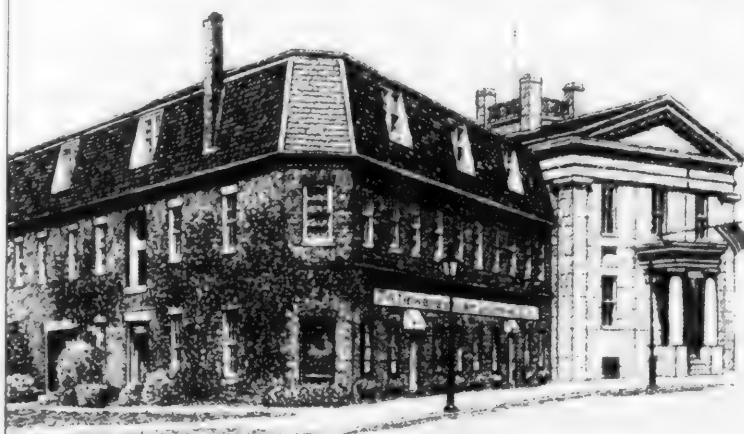
- Eye it: Let your eye be your guide to determine which pieces need space around them and which look better in a group. If possible, have someone hold them against the wall so you can stand back and get a better idea of the end result.

- Scale: Scale the arrangement to the furniture. You don't want to overpower the furniture below it, or vice versa.

- Backgrounds: Work with your background. Busy backgrounds need strong images and frames. Dark walls are good backdrops for monochromatic works.

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When people from other parts of the country conjure up thoughts of New England, they typically picture falling leaves, snow-covered landscape and cool, crisp temperatures. People who haven't experienced all of the seasons in New England tend not to equate the region with hot, humid weather. If you've lived through a summer heat wave here, you know better.

According to the Northeast Regional Climate Center, Boston's hottest April day on record reached 94 degrees. The hottest October day hit 90 degrees. Even barring meteorological extremes, the hot season here can easily span

several months. If you're a homeowner, especially one who likes to spend time inside your home, it's a good case for installing central air conditioning.

Relief from asthma and allergies

For the 40 million Americans who suffer from allergies and the 13 million with asthma, central air conditioning can provide a large measure of comfort, especially during allergy season. "Achieving Healthy Indoor Air," a report issued by the American Lung Association, recommends specific steps to reduce exposure to indoor air triggers such as dust mites and fungus. Among its recommendations, the report suggests using central air conditioning to reduce indoor moisture. Reducing the indoor moisture level is important because moisture

encourages dust mite infestation and fungus growth. In addition to lowering humidity, air conditioning allows windows and doors to stay closed, which keeps some pollen and mold spores out. It also eliminates the need for portable fans, which can stir up dust.

Older people, infants more vulnerable to heat

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, infants and children up to age 4 and people over 65 are at high risk for heat-related illness. This elevated risk also applies to people who are overweight, those who overexert during work or exercise and individuals who are ill or on certain medications.

If you're older, or you have an aging parent living in your home, you should know that as we age, our bodies often have a harder time coping

with extreme heat. As people grow older, their ability to perspire decreases. Perspiring is one way the body cools itself. Older people also tend not to get as thirsty, so they drink less water, which decreases sweating further. Therefore, older people are more susceptible to heat stroke.

Air conditioning is one of the best ways to stay cool. When the mercury starts to rise, medical professionals often recommend that older patients who don't have access to air conditioning at home head for a senior center, shopping mall, or some other climate-controlled environment.

An affordable option

A common myth about central air conditioning is that it's expensive to operate, according to Thomas A. DiPietro, general manager of Climate

Design Systems, the Haverhill-based heating, air conditioning and indoor air quality designer and contractor.

"If you have window units in your bedrooms and living rooms, it's doubtful you're saving anything on energy costs," says DiPietro. "As a matter of fact, your costs could be higher. Operating a central air conditioning system can be much less costly than running inefficient, noisy room air conditioners."

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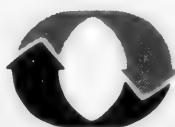
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Warm up the room with a fireplace face-lift

By Lisa Coon
Copley News Service

When Bobbi Schlesinger moved into her new home, she knew something wasn't right about the living room.

One night, she and her mother were up late talking when it dawned on Ms. Schlesinger what was wrong with the new house. The fireplace.

"It had these ugly orange-colored bricks," says Ms. Schlesinger, who handles public relations for Metropolitan Home magazine out of New

York City.

While the rest of her family was sleeping, Ms. Schlesinger and her mother went to the basement, selected a can of paint, came back upstairs and went to work.

"We just took a rag and rubbed the paint in," she says. "It ended up with a nice antiquated look. The paint covered the ugly orange, but not completely. It's a blend of colors."

And now with a simple face-lift using a little paint, the fireplace is something Ms. Schlesinger can live with.

Ms. Schlesinger relayed her story during a call to the magazine in search of experts willing to talk about what can be done to jazz up a blah fireplace. While she couldn't come up with an expert, she did offer her own experience.

What she did is just one of many things homeowners can do to give their tired fireplace an updated look.

"Jazzing up your fireplace can entail anything, really," says Shawn Bryan, office manager at Country Hearth and Home in Peoria, Ill. "You can re-brick it, stone it, tile it, put a mantel around it or over it. It can be something as an extremely long process to something fairly simple such as adding a glass door, which is a simple adjustment to decorate a fireplace."

Today'sHomeowner.com has several suggestions on updating your fireplace at its Web site, www.todayshomeowner.com.

"The effect of a fireplace face-lift on a room can be enormous, but the impact on your wallet doesn't have to be ... you can update the look of a fireplace with paint for as little as \$100," the site proclaims.

Both Mr. Bryan and the experts at Today's Homeowner remind do-it-yourselfers to follow all safety suggestions by keeping combustible material 6 to 8 inches from the opening of the firebox. The mantel shelf should be at least 12 to 18 inches above the top of the opening and the hearth should be at least 20 inches deep.

Changing or adding a mantel is probably one of the easiest ways to refresh your fireplace. Mr. Bryan says homeowners can order a style from a catalog or have one custom made by a woodworker. Mantels also can be purchased at home centers, and a do-it-yourselfer can stain or paint them the colors they wish. Mantels also come in everything from concrete to marble, Mr. Bryan says.

To replace a mantel, Mr. Bryan advises first knowing exactly what kind of material is used behind the mantel. Make sure to have screws for wood or masonry on hand, depending on the material used behind the mantel. Then remove the old mantel by unscrewing it. Measure the distance from the firebox that is necessary and attach the new mantel.

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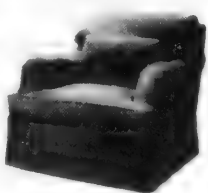
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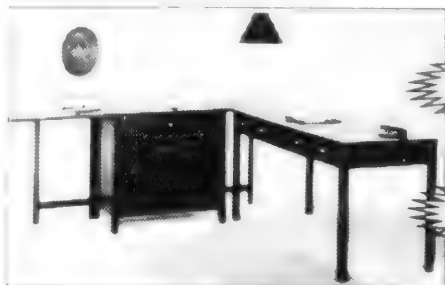
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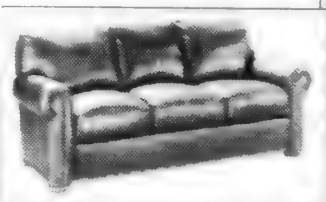
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nomical way to give a new look to your fireplace, according to Today's Homeowner. One way to do so is using a faux painting method.

Using materials from the hardware store and an art-supply shop, Today's Homeowner had a decorative painter restore brick to its original red. The bricks were painted with dried artist's pigments of Indian red and ivory black that were moistened with cider vinegar, according to Today's Homeowner.

The first step is masking off adjacent walls. Keep a damp sponge ready. The paint is then dabbed on with separate brushes for each color, dabbing the colors on at the same time. After the brick dries, apply a light-color oil varnish.

"Don't use an amber or high-gloss varnish; instead, choose a matte or stain finish," Today's Homeowner advises. Also, the experts there advise not using a water-based polyurethane because the paint used was water-based, thus the poly would move it.

Before embarking on a painting job, Today's Homeowner suggests experimenting on a poster board painted with a base paint.

"Try a sponge, comb, feather, plastic wrap, textured fabric or even your hand until you achieve an effect you like," the experts say. "And never, ever rush."

And one other tip - check with paint professionals to make sure the product you're buying is suitable for use around the fireplace.

Molding it

Stock molding, available at all home centers, also can be

used to create a beautiful surrounding for your fireplace.

"There are companies that sell trim kits for fireplaces," Mr. Bryan says. "These are decorative pieces of trim you run around the fireplace."

Off-the-shelf plywood, shelving and stock molding are perfect items for the do-it-yourselfer with minimal woodworking skills, according to Today's Homeowner. The molding can be used to build up the detail around a fireplace. Just select the type of your liking - there are hundreds of molding styles to select from. Corbels and fluted columns are nice additions that give support to a mantel.

"Fireplace Decorating and Planning Ideas," a Better Homes and Gardens publication, suggests matching the surrounding of your fireplace with molding found in the rest of the house.

"If your fireplace mantel tone is out of tune with its surroundings, a simple change in paint color that integrates it into the overall color scheme is a quick way to bring it into harmony," the book states. "To take that harmony up a notch, choose an existing trim in your home with a profile you like and have new fireplace molding milled to match." To keep down the cost on custom milling, the book suggests using paint-grade lumber if your intention is to paint the surround and mantel.

A project like this, according to the experts, can take several days, but shouldn't be too expensive (about \$300).

Tile and refacing stone

Outdated and soot-stained surfaces can be brought back to life with the addition of refacing brick, stone or ceramic tile.

ic tile.

"If you have a fireplace and you want it to look like it was made of brick, using refacing brick or stone could be an easy way to do it," Mr. Bryan says. His company has a wide range of refacing brick and stone available.

To install a ceramic tile face, Today's Homeowner recommends leaving the original surface in place so you don't take the risk of damaging the firebox or chimney. Count on spending a couple of hundred dollars and a weekend installing tile over the existing hearth and then the firebox.

To begin, rough up the existing surface with a grinder if the original surface was never sealed. Then find the center line on the mantel and begin working from the center out with tiles smeared with thinset. Lay the hearth first, covering it with plywood when completed. Move onto the firebox and sides. Allow the thinset on the back of the tiles to dry for 24 hours before grouting. Remember to use caulk, not grout, where wood and tile meet, according to Today's Homeowner.

In Better Homes and Gardens' "Fireplace," the authors suggest using large-scale tiles when using marble, slate or limestone. "Large-scale tiles (12-inch squares) create an appearance similar to a single slab," the book states. "Smaller tiles, set in grout, form a more informal grid."

"Basically, it all comes down to what you're willing to do and spend," Mr. Bryan says. "I've seen cabinets built around a fireplace, I've seen mirrors installed, custom woodworking to finish a fireplace out ... it really depends on your taste."

The heat is on

While many people may know little of the science behind fire's behavior, they do know something about its potential for danger. The National Fire Protection Association has compiled statistics to put that danger in context. For example:

- The United States has one of the highest fire death rates in the industrialized world. In 1998, the U.S. rate was 14.9 deaths per million population. It is the third leading cause of accidental deaths in the home.
- Each year, fire kills more U.S. residents than all natural disasters combined.
- Of the 1.8 million fires in the United States in 1998, 41 percent were outside fires, 29 percent were structure fires and 22 percent were vehicle fires. Residential fires represent 22 percent of all fires and 74 percent of structure fires.
- Cooking is the leading cause of home fires and home-fire injuries in the United States. Residential fires most often start in the kitchen, whether it's a house, a duplex or an apartment, though the number of kitchen fires in apartments is almost half of all fires in apartment buildings. Kitchen fires in single dwellings or duplexes represent 23.5 percent of all fires in those structures.
- Careless smoking, followed by heating, are the leading causes of fire deaths. However, heating fires are a larger problem in single-family homes. Unlike apartments, heating systems in single-family homes often are not professionally maintained.
- It is estimated that more than 40 percent of residential fires and three-fifths of residential fatalities occur in homes with no smoke alarms. Though about 88 percent of U.S. homes have at least one smoke alarm, the number of fires that occur in homes with non-functioning alarms is increasing.

Source: Copley News Service

HOME IMPROVEMENT

Quick and inexpensive ways to winterize your home

(NAPSA) — Cold temperatures and varying amounts of snow and ice can really take a toll on a home. Appliances such as water heaters and furnaces are forced to run more often and at a harder pace. Gaps and unsealed spaces are more prominent when winter winds cause cold drafts, and homes are generally just colder in the winter, which causes outrageous heating bills. With additional insulation however, it's possible to maintain a comfortable temperature inside your home. Insulation also keeps your utilities functional year after year, while reducing your heating bills. With a few simple ideas, you and your home can be warm and secure from the blustery winter weather.

There are a number of simple ways to cost-effectively insulate and winterize your home. Try the following in order to protect your home from the harsh effects of winter weather.

- Insulate your windows. Window insulation is a quick and easy fix

that keeps the heat in and the cold out while keeping your energy costs down. While window insulation is notorious for difficult installation, new innovative roll-on kits have proven to be hassle-free. Some kits come complete with alcohol wipes to clean the application surface, double-sided tape and a pre-taped top edge that makes installation simple.

- Cover the air conditioner. In order to keep your air conditioner intact each year, it helps to purchase a cover that protects the unit from winter weather. By covering the air conditioner, less moisture comes into contact with the unit, therefore decreasing the chance of rust or malfunction. The cover also prevents cold air from entering around the seam of the unit.

- Cover outdoor faucets. Covering outdoor faucets keeps them insulated and prevents freezing. Faucet covers are easy to assemble and are just another way to winterize your home and save money.

- Wrap pipes. Prevent pipes from freezing by applying inexpensive, insulated pipe wrap. By making this small effort, you can minimize the frustration that comes from frozen pipes either bursting or not working. No-Itch Pipe Wrap — made of plastic fiber instead of traditional fiberglass, eliminates the need for gloves and masks. Pipe Sticks, an insulated stick, snaps easily onto small pipes and fits snugly. The last new pipe insulator is the Self-Adhesive Insulating Pipe Wrap which simply self-adheres to pipe.

Duck brand's home winterization products make it possible to insulate the slightest and most overlooked areas of the home, such as pipes, electrical outlets and faucets. The product line is economical, fast and easy to use. The products should be installed before temperatures drop below 40 degrees Fahrenheit or the surface will become too cold for the adhesive to stick properly. Take care of your home from harsh winter weather.

Unlocking the personality profiles of home improvement

(NAPSA) — Americans spend \$200 billion each year on home improvement projects and that number is steadily increasing. With the softening economy, more people are making home improvements on their own rather than hiring a professional. Some even estimate that a \$500 home improvement investment can raise the value of a home up to \$5,000.

While there are different levels of do-it-yourself experience, everyone has their own style and personality when it comes to home improvement. See if you, or someone you know, fits the following profile.

Wish list Wally

Makes extensive lists of home improvement projects but never actually gets around to doing any of them. Wally is a dreamer who would like to make his home a better place to live but may lack the know-how and tools to make it happen.

Pauly procrastinator

Pauly has big plans for projects all around the house. At

times, he starts several projects but when he isn't sure of the next step the procrastination creeps in and he doesn't finish the job. Anyone who has ever done a home improvement project understands the way Pauly feels.

Bob bitoffmorethanhecanchew

Bob ripped out his kitchen cabinets before he figured out what the next step should be. Then he bought a truckload of lumber to build a deck but doesn't have the first clue what to do with it.

Rex retirement

Has lots of time on his hands to take on new projects but isn't necessarily interested in building the biggest and the best. Over the years, he had a respectable workshop but is probably downsizing now as an empty nester.

Carl the craft man

On a Saturday, this guy takes apart his lawnmower for fun. Carl is also known as "Mr. Ambitious." He loves to fix anything around the house and is

confident enough to take on most any home improvement project.

Gadget Gary

Gary loves tools, needs a fully equipped workshop and is always looking for the biggest, best, latest and coolest tool on the market. While Gadget Gary has every tool under the sun, he doesn't necessarily know how to use each tool to its full potential.

Family man Frank

The Family man knows new additions to the family mean constant changes and updates to the home. He is always using his tools for assembling new toys, building furniture and closet organizers and installing shelves.

Joe college

His place is his castle but it is small and doesn't need major renovations. He is interested in making what he has look its best, even if it is just for a year or two. Joe builds shelves, hangs pictures, assembles simple furniture, etc.

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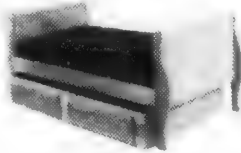
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A new baby is on the way. How do you create space for the new addition to the family without adding onto your house?

"In an era of shrinking square footage and growing families, finding the right place for a nursery and then fixing it up is a challenge even to those with space and money to spare," says Ellen Liman, author of "Baby Space: Finding, Furnishing, Decorating and Equipping a Place for Your Newborn."

The nursery must be carefully planned because, Ms. Liman says, "it will be the busiest room in the house and the center of your child's many activities - at first sleeping, eating, bathing and playing and then studying and entertaining as the baby grows into childhood."

Ideally, the nursery should be in close proximity to parents and to the kitchen or bathroom. Ms. Liman suggests that converting a guest room into a nursery is the best option.

"A baby needs a full-time room but occasional guests do not; put the sofa sleeper in the living room for guests and give the baby the guest room," Ms. Liman advises.

But if a separate room isn't available, existing space must be reconfigured and usage rethought. A nursery can be set up in the corner of the master bedroom or even carved out of a sliding door closet simply by removing the doors. The family room or den can be converted into the nursery and an enclosed porch or sunroom can become the den.

Knowing the standard sizes of

nursery furniture helps in determining how much space is needed. A crib, for example, measures 30x54 inches; a rocking chair, armchair or glider measures 18 to 24x30 inches. A play/work/changing counter measures 18x34 inches; chests of drawers come in a variety of dimensions, ranging from 24- to 60-inches wide by 16- to 30-inches deep.

Necessities for preparing for the arrival of a new baby and equipping the nursery, no matter where it is, include a crib, bassinet, changing table with pad, a stroller or carriage, a car seat, hampers, storage places for baby's things, diaper and formula bags, feeding tables, sterilizers, mobiles to hang above the crib, a monitor or intercom, pacifiers and teething aids, toys and a toy chest, bottle warmers, breast shields and pumps, burping cloths, a mattress, waterproof sheet crib and more.

Because babies quickly outgrow the needs of infancy, Ms. Liman suggests purchasing furniture and equipment that is flexible, folding, mobile and, if possible, multipurpose. Shop in the juvenile sections of stores rather than just in the nursery section to find convertible furniture that will serve your child from infancy into the teen-age years, Ms. Liman advises.

It takes an amazing amount of stuff to care for a baby - powders, wipes, lotions, cotton swabs, diaper rash cream, a vaporizer for colds, rubbing alcohol, baby fingernail scissors and more. But since these items won't be needed for long, Ms. Liman suggests storing them in simple wire baskets on rollers or on inexpensive portable

metal rack shelving rather than investing in expensive cabinetry. The rolling wire basket can later be used to hold toys and wire racks may hold books, clothing or collections of stuffed animals, dolls and toy cars as the child grows up. Stackable plastic milk cartons also provide inexpensive storage, and don't overlook hooks on doors as a place to hang toys.

Ms. Liman also suggests not going overboard on a totally baby decor theme for the nursery and consider the needs of the child once it is no longer an infant. Much of what it takes to create appropriate decor for a baby/child room can be accomplished easily by do-it-yourselfers.

"Familiar modern marvels such as a staple gun, white glue, no-sew, iron-on bonding tape and Magic Markers make it easy for parents to decorate a newborn's room without professional help," Ms. Liman says.

Decorating the child's room all starts with paint and while it used to be a choice between pink or blue, now that scientists have entered the baby's room choosing a color has become more complicated and controversial.

Psychologists agree that colors such as light blue, yellow, light green and orange have a positive influence on a child's IQ and make him or her friendly, alert and creative. And even though newborns are color-blind until the fourth month, experts say the baby will feel most secure in softly colored pastel surroundings.

"They can, however, distinguish brightness and they do respond well to strong contrasts and bright, primary colors such as red, so hang a bright mobile from the ceiling over the crib," Ms. Liman says.

Since cool colors such as blue and green are supposed to be more relaxing, experts advise a peaceful color scheme for hyperactive children and hotter colors such as red and orange for passive children.

While your original impulse might be to go out and buy all new furnishings for baby's room, Ms. Liman suggests that hand-me-downs and used furniture can also work well.

"Often, older furniture is sturdier and it can be fixed up to look like new or antiques to give it a charming heirloom look," she says.

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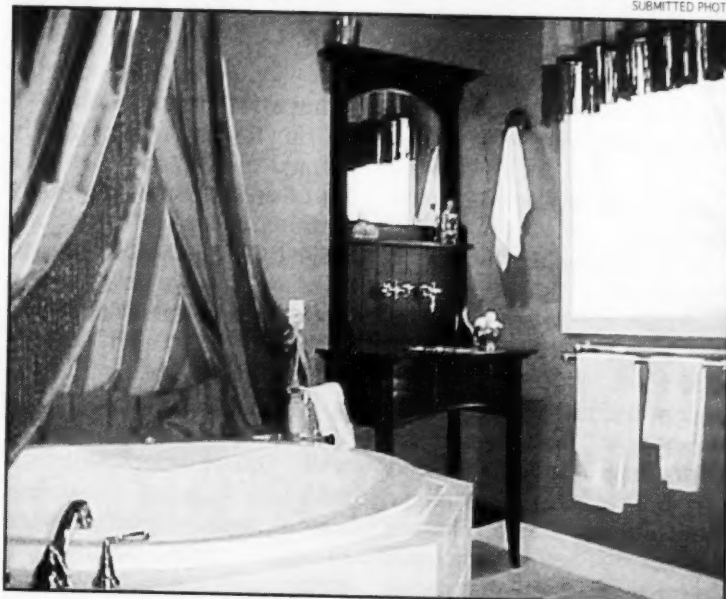
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Eight staff members from Blackdog Builders Inc. attended the 11th annual Remodeler's Show held November 2001 at the Atlantic City Convention Center in Atlantic City, New Jersey. It is the premier educational event of the industry.

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(NAPSA) - When looking to protect your home against outside elements, it's a good idea to start at the top. That's because your roof is your home's first line of defense against the high winds, heavy rains, sleet and snow that occur in winter. Roofing contractors offer the following suggestions.

- To avoid serious damage and unnecessary expenses, it's a good idea to inspect your roof before and after winter. Roof inspections can catch potential problems before they can lead to extensive damage. Once water starts moving beyond your roof you will most likely need more than roof repairs to recover from

the damage.

- To help prevent leaks, moisture seepage and decay problems, check the "weak" points of your roof. Look for holes, tears or buckling in the flashings (pieces of metal used to seal any penetration) around roof stacks, vents, skylights, chimneys and any other roof penetrations. Contractors estimate that more than 90 percent of roofing leaks occur in these areas.

- Next, visually inspect your roof for any damaged, loose or missing shingles or any blistering or buckling of the shingles.

- Finally, check the roof edge where it is more susceptible to wind, driving rain and ice dams

(when water freezes and backs up under the roofing system), and make sure shingles are firmly secured and sealed to the roof. Inspect and clean gutters, leaders, window wells and drains of all leaves and debris, and make sure gutters are firmly secured to the house. Direct downspouts away from the house foundation and clean them of any debris.

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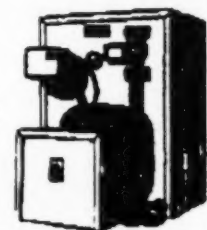
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HOME IMPROVEMENT**What questions to ask when
choosing a hardwood floor**

(NAPSA) – With a dizzying array of colors, patterns, species and prices, choosing the right hardwood floor for your home can be a daunting task. When visiting your flooring retailer, ask the following questions.

How is this flooring constructed?

Solid hardwood flooring is manufactured in varying thickness milled directly from the source hardwood. Solid hardwood floors can be bought unfinished and factory finished. Factory-finished floors are often UV-cured, which creates a stronger, more durable finish than site finishes. Factory finished floors are typically less messy and faster to install.

Engineered hardwood floors consist of cross-ply layers of wood glued together under tremendous heat and pressure. It is then stained and finished. Some engineered floors are injected with liquid acrylics to make the product up to three times as hard as the non-treated species utilized in commercial applications but available residentially. Manufacturers are also treating engineered floors with a distressing process for a more antique look. Engineered floors are

very durable and more stable than solid hardwood flooring, and they can often be refinished a number of times if necessary.

What styles are available?

Strip flooring is typically defined as flooring that is 2 1/4 of an inch wide, the most traditional look. Planks are typically 3 inches or wider. Because they are more stable, engineered floors are often available in much wider widths than solid hardwoods, up to 7 inches or more. Edge and end treatments vary as well. Square edges create a uniform, almost seamless look. Treated edges are used in more casual settings to emphasize each individual strip or plank. Treated edges range from a very shallow edge to a deeply beveled edge.

Where can I install this floor?

Solid hardwood floors must be nailed or stapled to a wood subfloor and cannot be installed below ground (i.e., in the basement). Engineered floors can be installed on, above or below ground over a multitude of subflooring products including many pre-existing floorcovering prod-

ucts. Hardwoods are not recommended for moisture-prone or high humidity areas like full bathrooms.

What is the grade?

Solid and engineered hardwood floors are graded to consider natural character marks including knots and mineral streaks. Your personal preferences will determine the amount of character you want to see in your floor. The length and breadth of the warranty coverage usually indicates a higher grade of wood. In general, manufacturers use the ratings as a classification system. Good floors usually contain more natural characteristics, while best floors are more selective in allowing character marks.

What species will achieve the look I want?

Consider the characteristics of the species. Oak is harder and more durable than many hardwood species, making it less prone to show dents and wear over time. While oak is the most commonly used, exotic species like kempas and merbau are becoming more popular. Exotic and domestic hardwoods have their own inherent style and grain pattern, so the best hardwood

On the shelf

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All this and more is explained in "Living Under Glass – Sunrooms, Greenhouses and Conservatories" by Jane Tresidder and Stafford Cliff. Much of the point of the book is to explain the practical aspects of building, maintaining and living in these glass-walled spaces, but a healthy portion is devoted to exalting the big, glorious conservatories of the past.

There are sections on solar energy, plant selection, shades and blinds and suggested ways to plan and build a conservatory. Some of the emphasis is on "functional conservatories," which include smaller structures, such as studios, kitchens and pool extensions.

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Working with an interior designer

(NU) – Do you want to decorate your home, but don't know where to get started? An interior designer can help – if you find the right one.

"An interior designer will help you develop a design plan for your home that will allow you to achieve your goals and stay on budget," says Gwen Simpkins, design director for HomePortfolio.com. "A client and designer must work as a team to share a common vision for the future of the project."

Finding and working with an interior designer to turn your house into your dream home doesn't have to be difficult. Just follow these

quick tips to help you select the right person to remake your home.

Know your stuff! Research is key to finding the best designer for you and getting started on the right foot.

- Check the Web.
- Ask around. Talk with friends and family about their design and renovation experiences.

Know what you want! Understand your desires and concerns so you can clearly express yourself.

- Speak freely. Be comfortable articulating your goals and style

preferences.

- Set a spending limit. Work out your budget beforehand so you can discuss any limitations.

- Be specific. A picture really is worth a thousand words.

- Start small. Focus on one room, such as the living room, to develop an effective working relationship with your designer.

- Keep in touch. Talk with your designer often about budget and timelines to avoid misunderstandings down the road.

- Don't forget to listen. Be open to your designer's suggestions – after all, the designer is the expert!

Some helpful tips for first-time home buyers

(NU) – Buying your own home is a smart move. Instead of paying rent, you will be building equity – the difference between what you originally pay for your home and its market value when you sell it. You also are giving yourself two major deductions on your annual tax return – the interest you pay on your mortgage and the property taxes you're billed each year.

First, figure out how much you can afford. You probably will have to borrow money to finance it so you'll need to find out exactly what your net worth and disposable income are.

Your net worth consists of your total assets – things you own, such as savings accounts, IRAs, 401(k)s, stocks and bonds, cars and home furnishings – minus what you owe, such as credit card balances, car payments and other long-term loans.

You will have to come up with a down payment. Generally, lenders want to see 5 percent to 20 percent of the purchase price paid up front. The

higher your down payment, the lower your monthly mortgage payments and closing costs will be.

Next, you'll need to calculate the monthly mortgage payment you can handle. Your monthly payments, which include principal plus interest, property taxes and home insurance premiums, should equal no more than 28 percent of your gross income. You also should be able to afford to pay your mortgage payment plus other things you owe – up to a maximum of 36 percent of your gross income.

A bank or mortgage lender can help you with these calculations, especially if you choose to prequalify for a loan. By prequalifying you also can increase your buying power over nonapproved home shoppers.

When looking for a home, location is key. Consider the type of neighborhood and city services, the commuting times and the quality of and proximity to local schools, religious institutions, colleges, supermarkets and entertainment.

Draw up a list of the things you'd like to have inside and outside your home, too, such as the number of rooms and baths and whether you'd like a basement, garage and attic. Include the age and condition of the home and average utility costs on your wish list.

If the home you choose needs to be fixed up, you may be able to negotiate with the seller to come down on his or her price. Otherwise, you can take out a home equity loan – borrow against what you've already paid on the mortgage – to pay for home improvements. If you give \$20,000 down payment, for example, you then can borrow that back as its equity. Keep in mind this also depends on the state and the interest rates.

Before you close on your new home, be sure to have its structure and systems professionally inspected. To learn more about buying and maintaining a home, order the free Life Advice brochures "Buying a Home" and "Home Improvement" by calling (800) 638-5433.

Creative paint ideas

Stunning paint designs for interior surfaces from rough to sleek, applied with the newest paint products, will inspire amateurs and professionals alike in "Modern Paint Effects: A Guide to Contemporary Paint Finishes" by Anne Sloan.

Walls, floors and furniture painted in multicolored stripes, plaids and abstracts are featured with easy-to-follow instructions. Many of the 214 full-color photographs illustrate step-by-step operations on the way to finished designs.

One of Ms. Sloan's most basic and easiest paint techniques, for example, is to use two coats of different colors, then rub off the top coat of paint to create depth and a unique design.

More ideas are:

- Instead of hiding an old wall, use gold and copper paint to highlight its unevenness.
- Use several colors of bright paint in an irregular pattern, then doodle black swirls on it.
- Create a faux skyline by rolling big strips of color on the wall and highlighting it with several layers of sparkle paint.

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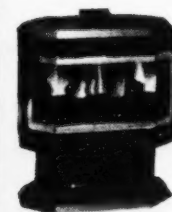


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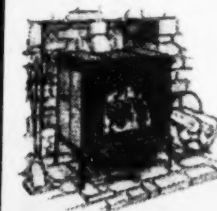
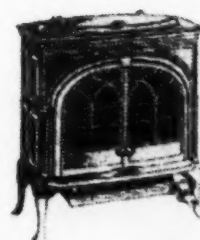
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